

Kahl Keeps Lead

In Esquimalt, at least, the Dec. 11 provincial election result was unchanged after an official count today, which confirmed Social Credit candidate Lyle Kahl as the winner.

Shortly after noon today a spokesman for the returning officer said the official count showed Kahl, a 36-year-old school teacher, polled 10,537 votes — 121 more than his NDP opponent Frank Mitchell, with 10,515.

But the political future of ex-premier Dave Barrett and two of his former cabinet colleagues still hung in the balance, as counts were held in their ridings to determine whether they would be returned as M.L.A.s.

The original election result gave Kahl victory by a 173-vote margin, but the outcome was left undecided with 2,000 votes uncounted.

They were cast by voters whose credentials could not be verified at the time, and it was thought that this unknown quantity could swing the riding either way.

But officials said only a little more than 700 of the votes were deemed eligible, and the final result only whittled down Kahl's earlier lead by some 50 votes.

In Coquitlam, where the election night results showed Barrett narrowly defeated by his Social Credit opponent, 38-year-old car dealer George Kerster, today's official count of ballots was expected to take several hours.

The Dec. 11 result had Barrett losing to Kerster by a 167-vote margin.

Only a slightly higher margin separates former Human Resources Minister Norm Levi from third-placed Socred Frank Hillier in the two-member Vancouver-Burrard constituency, where counting was also in progress today.

FINANCE FIGURES 'COOKED'—OFFICIAL B.C. Facing \$324M Deficit

By LINDA HUGHES
Times Staff

British Columbia is facing "at best" a \$324.3 million budget deficit according to a top civil servant in the finance department.

Bill Stow, director of finance and third-ranking member of the department, sat with reporters for nearly two hours today and opened his books to show the financial statement presented by the outgoing NDP government last week was "nonsense."

According to Stow, B.C. is facing total expenditures of \$561.8 million while the best possible estimate of contingent revenues is \$237.5 million.

He said the statement by outgoing Finance Minister Dave Stupich that the new Social Credit government would have to cut only about \$40 million from the current budget to balance it and that the NDP had trimmed \$143 million from the budget already was "totally incorrect."

Stow said he realized he may lose his job because of his statements but he said he didn't want the independent auditor appointed by Premier Bennett to come in and make it look like the finance department didn't know what was happening with its own figures.

"I don't know how the department can continue to function with integrity if we are looked on as massaging the figures," said Stow, adding that he had not discussed his plans with anyone prior to going to the press.

Stow said he was most upset and decided to drop his financial bombshell because reports of Stupich's financial statement made it appear he was using the figures of comptroller-general J. W. Minty when he was really only interpreting one month's figures.

He added at the end, however, that despite the huge deficit facing the province, B.C. is better off than many other jurisdictions in Canada and it is only a disaster in terms of trying to balance the budget.

In his lengthy and often complicated statement, Stow said revenues are more likely to be down 10.2 per cent this year rather than the five per cent figure given by Stupich. He said Stupich had been told by the finance department the 10.2 per cent figure was a more accurate reading.

Stow recited the expenditures facing government departments plus other debts the government will have to cover and then compared that with possible revenue sources to cover those long-run expenditures.

He went so far, at one point, as to say the finance department "cooked" the figures because it was instructed to include \$150 million in revenues from natural gas this year and that money hasn't come in yet.

In reciting the expenditures facing the government, Stow said expenditures will exceed revenues within this budget by about \$356 million.

Added to that figure is \$100 million in cash Stow said would have to be given to ICBC, not to cover its deficit, but to compensate for its lack of cash flow.

He said the B.C. Petroleum Corporation must pay Ottawa \$70 million on behalf of natural gas producers under the new federal resource taxation

scheme and that money, taxes for two years, has not been paid. Interest has to be paid on that money but Stow said it is at six per cent, which is lower than the province could borrow the money for.

He said the last expense he is adding is \$35.8 million in additional unbudgeted outlays by the transit services division for the Burrard Inlet ferry crossing.

Therefore, the total expenditure is \$334 million, Page 2

CRACKDOWN ON WELFARE

A crackdown on welfare abuse and new job-finding programs for employable welfare recipients was promised Monday by new Social Credit Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm.

"If anybody is able to work but he refuses to pick up a shovel we will have ways and means of dealing with him," Vander Zalm said just minutes after the cabinet swearing-in at Government House.

New welfare investigators will likely be appointed, he said, adding that even if the investigations are expensive it's important to stop welfare abuse before it grows.

Surrey brought in a job-finding program for employable welfare recipients and

Vander Zalm, who was mayor of Surrey at the time, said he hopes a similar program can be initiated province wide.

B.C. has employment programs now but the new minister said they can be extended. If employable people refuse to take jobs they would probably be cut off or "dealt with in some way," he said.

Vander Zalm said despite the 100,000 unemployed in B.C., jobs can be found but may involve moving people to other parts of the province.

He said it is important for British Columbians to be given first preference for jobs and said he would like to see the government take some action to insure the jobs go to local residents.

A Complete Audit Ordered by Bennett

A national firm of chartered accountants has been hired by the new Social Credit government to co-ordinate a complete audit of the province's finances.

In his first news conference as premier, Bill Bennett told a crowd of reporters Monday afternoon the firm of Clarkson and Gordon has been commissioned to co-ordinate the audit.

It will check the finances of the government through the finance department and will ask for audited statements from all the Crown corporations.

Asked whether he doubted the financial statement given by former Premier Dave Barrett last week, Bennett said only that he had not seen any "audited" statements from the former government.

The results of the audit will be made public after cabinet has studied it, said Bennett, and will form the basis of his "state of the province" address in January and help him draw up the new budget.

The premier also announced he is sending three of his new ministers to Ottawa to discuss the province's role in the anti-inflation program.

Finance Minister Evan Wolfe, Consumer Services Minister Rafe Mair and Labor Minister Allan Williams left for Ottawa Monday night and are expected back later today.

Bennett was vague about the purpose of the trip but said the ministers wanted clarification of the program and would also present "B.C.'s position."

He would not elaborate on what B.C.'s position will be and said he didn't want to negotiate through the press.

The future of the food price freeze which expires Jan. 1 and ICBC premium increases will be decided as the result of the discussions in Ottawa.

The premier said he was not impressed with the way the NDP government dealt with the economy.

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AN OIL SUPERPORT ACROSS THE STRAIT?

SEATTLE (AP) — The state oceanographic commission has asked the legislature to provide for construction of an oil superport on the Strait of Juan de Fuca to serve all the state's refineries except Tacoma.

The commissioners overruled a staff recommendation Monday to consider Burrows Bay, on Fidalgo Island, as a

superport site, saying the bay was too pristine an area. They suggested the north coast of the Olympic Peninsula for such a port. This would put it across the strait from Victoria.

The commission also urged a 10-year moratorium on any modification of existing oil terminals that would enable them to berth larger vessels.

N.S. Detective, Cabbie Murdered

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — Police were searching for at least one man today in the shooting deaths overnight of a city detective and another man in a parking lot near the Holiday Inn here.

Cpl. Eric Spicer, 30, an eight-year veteran of the force who was married with two children, was gunned down about midnight while on plainclothes "surveillance duty."

He was dead when police, called by a night watchman who heard about five shots, reached the scene.

Nearby, another unidentified man was found critically wounded and died later, police Chief Roger Smith said.

The second dead man was reported to be a taxi driver. Police found a handgun, badge, wallet and bullet pouch today which they believe belonged to Spicer.

The articles were discovered in a patch of woods behind the hotel on a slope of land leading down under a

bridge. It was only a short distance from where Spicer and the second man were found.

The bullet pouch was reported to have been found by a group of about 25 investigators using shovels, trowels and metal detectors.

Pools of blood about 150 feet apart indicated the policeman died at the side of the service station. The second man was shot near the front door of a finance company office in the hotel. He died shortly after he was found wounded.

Dartmouth Mayor Eileen Stubbs, said policemen do not always get the support they deserve.

She said penalties for such incidents must be severe. "If we don't have capital punishment... we should have life — and I mean life imprisonment."

The incident evoked memories of the grisly murders Dec. 13 last year of two Moncton city policemen during a kidnapping investigation.

GUNMEN GIVE UP

Times News Services

ALGIERS — Terrorists who seized the Vienna headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries surrendered today after releasing in Libya and Algeria their last hostages, including Saudi Arabia's oil minister and the interior minister of Iran.

The Venezuelan minister of mines and hydrocarbons, Valentin Hernandez Acosta, who was released Monday, said he was convinced that the terrorist leader who identified himself as Carlos was the widely sought gunman of that name.

The guerrillas — five men and a woman calling themselves the "Arm of the Arab Revolution" — stepped slowly from the Austrian airlines DC-9 and handed over their machine guns to Algerian police.

The terrorists decided to end the siege after airline crew members, exhausted from criss-crossing the Arab world, said they were too tired to fly any further.

Algerian and Austrian officials at Algiers airport then negotiated the surrender.

After the gang gave up, Algerian officials whisked the commandos to police headquarters in an official Algerian government car.

Some Algerian officials said the commandos might be put on trial.

SUPERPRIZE NO. 12

DUBLIN (CP) — E. M. Gowling of Hamilton, Ont., won the latest Irish sweepstake superprize of £400,000 (about \$840,000), sweeps officials announced today.

Gowling is the 12th Canadian to win the superprize in the 21 draws held since 1969.

Gowling's ticket number was WRL64094.

The running Saturday of the sweep hurdle at Leopardstown, near Dublin, will de-

termine the winners of hundreds of other prizes, including four first prizes worth about \$157,500; four second prizes worth about \$42,000; and four third prizes of about \$21,000.

Officials also announced that, starting with the next sweeps race to be run in March, the superprize will be awarded £75,000 in cash and rest in an annuity with a guaranteed minimum of 20 years.

The change is intended to

protect winners from heavy taxes levied in some countries on prizes.

Victoria area ticket holders with horse's name, ticket number, name or non-deplume:

Comedy of Errors: VKK64887, Jack Ass, Saanich-ton.

Crowdiamond: VHT47832, R. E. Smith, Saanich-ton.

Royal Epic: WSS50507, Us 4, Victoria.

Victoria Least Crowded

OTTAWA (CP) — There is more housing available now and it is less crowded than at any time in recent years, says the Economic Council of Canada.

The council also says in its 1974 annual report released Monday that the cost of housing appears to have grown more rapidly for owners than for renters.

Among major cities, Victoria had the lowest crowding rate at the end of 1974.

Victoria was followed by Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Ont.; Edmonton, Winnipeg, Windsor,

and Halifax, Montreal and Quebec.

The council says the steady downward trend in crowding suggests further improvement in the housing situation.

Over-all housing costs as a proportion of income remained fairly stable in the 1971-74 period.

Narrowing this to renters and owners, the council says costs appear to be dropping for renters and rising for homeowners.

"Since renters have lower incomes than owners on average, this relative shift would appear to be favorable," the council says.

Much of the new construction to 1985 will be concentrated around major cities, the council says. With about 30 per cent more land needed for this housing, this might mean that housing costs will take a bigger slice of personal income in coming years.

The council has developed what it calls social indicators to measure the quality of life in Canada. Housing is one indicator.

The number of new housing units started every year as a percentage of the total number of households averaged 3.8 per cent in the 1971-74 period, up from three per cent in the 1960s, the council says.

But public feeling is against both more foreign investment and easier immigration, says the council.

Commenting at a press conference following release of the council's 12th annual review, Dr. Raynauld said the increase in national wealth — gross national product (GNP) — will slow to about four per cent a year in the 1980s, compared with increases of five to 5.5 per cent in the 1960s and 1970s.

The main reasons for this slowdown are smaller increases in the working-age population and reduced out-

put per worker as more people enter service jobs, like government, the council says.

Only more foreign investment — between \$800 and \$900 billion of development capital is needed in the next decade — and greatly increased immigration could offset slower growth.

But public feeling is against both more foreign investment and easier immigration, says the council.

WEATHER

Tonight, Wednesday:
Showers, Mild

Canadian Economy Will Falter, ECC Warns

OTTAWA — "A considerable deterioration" for the national economy between 1980 and 1985 was predicted Monday by Andre Raynauld, chairman of the Economic Council of Canada.

Canadians will have to adjust to slower growth in their standards of living and international trade problems will grow more serious, he warned. (See other stories on Page 16)

By 1985, the ECC says, the working-age population will be increasing in only two of the five Canadian regions — Ontario and B.C.

Another major conclusion is that it will be very difficult for Canada to avoid balance-of-payments problems.

The projected deceleration of growth in foreign economies, particularly in the United States, the recent deterioration of the competitiveness

of Canadian industry, and the gradual decrease in Canadian oil shipments will contribute to a slowing down of exports.

The average deficit in Canada's current account with the rest of the world could rise to three per cent of the gross national product, or three times the level of the 1960s.

The council warns that devaluation of the Canadian dollar would promote inflation, and would not prevent a loss

of competitiveness of Canadian industry over the long term.

The council suggests that Canada should devote an average of 25 per cent of its resources to savings and investment.

The council calls for an increase in savings and investment and a redistribution of expenditures between the public and private sectors — with governments halting a

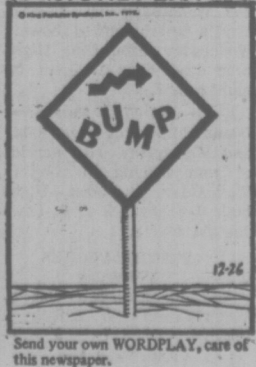
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Metal Royalties to Vanish

COMPLETE AUDIT

New B.C. mines minister Tom Waterland gave the industry a lift Monday when he indicated the government will abolish royalties on copper and other metals.

Waterland said the royalties are an unfair levy on metal producers because companies cannot increase prices in a world market to make up for the royalty.

The royalties promised during the election campaign to change the Minerals Royalties Act passed by the New Democrat government and tax min-

ing profits rather than the value of ore extracted.

W. R. Matthews, managing director of the Mining Association of B.C., said in Vancouver "we are glad to hear of the plan; the royalties legislation has caused a reduction of exploration and prevented consideration of new development."

But he said there are still some problems.

"Not only royalties, but the provincial mining taxes are not deductible from federal income tax. We'd like to see

the provincial and federal government work something out."

"We are pleased to hear it (Waterland's statement)," said Rick Higgs, manager of the B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines. "If the royalties go, the federal-provincial conflict is resolved in large part."

The new minister, a mining engineer who was the provincial government's resident engineer in Kamloops, said the large amounts of money spent by companies on exploration and development "in effect

are the royalties" the companies should pay.

He reiterated that companies should pay tax only on profits, and the government should assess the profitability of the industry before deciding what level the taxation should be.

Told that B.C. then would become the only province without a mineral royalty system, Waterland replied: "In that case, we're probably going to have a very healthy industry."

Under the previous Social

Credit government, there were no royalties on metals. Royalties now are five per cent, higher if the metal price rises above a level determined by a complex formula.

Waterland said it is possible that royalties on coal will stay, although not necessarily at their present level. Under Social Credit, the royalty was 85 cents a ton and the NDP increased it to \$1.50 a ton. It was due to go to \$2 a ton next year.

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with Ottawa and his administration plans to restructure the federal-provincial relationship.

The afternoon press conference followed the new Social Credit cabinet's first official meeting. Bennett said the cabinet will meet again today and hold further discussions next week.

"We're probably the only government meeting throughout the Christmas and New Year's holidays," said Bennett.

Many decisions have to be made by the government in the first few days of office and the premier said they were not all made the first day in office.

He did make the following comments on his new government:

—The spring session of the legislature will likely be later than usual this year;

—Cabinet salaries will be decreased but the order has not been made yet;

—A new royal commission

on electoral reform will be struck and incorporate the findings of the Norris report on boundaries (released by the NDP government last week) and including recommendations on election reforms;

—All ministers will examine their staffs in the next few weeks;

—The government will "take a look at" the B.C. Savings and Trust Corporation planned by former Premier Dave Barrett;

Change Some Business Practice Province Warns Several Firms

ANTI-BIAS RULE BOOST FOR ANNE?

LONDON (UPI) — Princess Anne should be second in line of succession to the throne in line with the country's new sex equality laws, a Labor Member of Parliament said today.

Princess Anne is at present fourth in line after Prince Charles, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward, under the ancient law of succession that favors the male line.

But Labor Member of Parliament Robert Kilroy-Silk believes the Sex Discrimination Act that comes into force next Monday should change all that.

"If we are making men and women equal, then that principle should apply right the way through," he said.

"If age is the deciding factor in this matter, then the princess, as the second child of the Monarch, should automatically follow Prince Charles in the succession," he said.

Buckingham Palace made no comment on the suggestion.

\$324 Million B.C. Deficit

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tures, not including B.C. Hydro deficits which may have to be covered by the government, are \$561.8 million.

On the revenue side, Stow said the government has \$143 million in revenue surplus built up and has a long-standing payment due of \$28.8 million from the B.C. Harbors Board.

Advances of \$35 million have been given the B.C. Railway and may be paid back, he said, and the federal-provincial rail agreement negotiated by the NDP administration could bring the government another \$30 million, bringing the total revenue possibilities to \$237.5 million.

In looking at the government departments themselves, Stow said the health department will probably spend about \$70 million more than it planned but about \$45 million of that has been drawn down from the Medical Services Commission fund.

He said some departments are over budget but not to any large degree.

Stow said he was a senior budget adviser in the Ontario government from 1964 to 1972, then helped New Brunswick with its fiscal planning and joined the B.C. government 18 months ago.

He said it upset him to see political use made of the department's financial figures and when he was asked for the latest figures so the NDP's financial statement could be prepared he did not hand over the December accounts.

But he said the October figures, which the former government used for the statement, did not present a much different picture than the up-to-date figures.

Stow said other jurisdictions have quarterly financial statements and he believes B.C. should follow that system to keep some of the "mysticism" out of public financing.

The British Columbia department of Consumer Services today published the results of two investigations involving two automatic transmission companies operating in Victoria.

A claim by the department for punitive damages against Victoria Automatic Transmission Service Ltd. will be heard Jan. 5.

The case involves a claim by a consumer that he was charged \$100 more than the \$50 estimate and the company held his transmission unit when he refused to pay the bill. By court order the transmission unit has been returned to the customer pending the outcome of the hearing.

In a separate case, Lo-Cost Transmission Rebuilder Ltd. has signed an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, agreeing to not engage in a number of practices.

The signing of the compliance does not, in itself, indicate the company had carried out the practices named.

The company will not:

—Offer a free transmission inspection service when the real purpose is to attract customers, not to provide the service.

—Use demonstration techniques involving a magnet and metal particles represented to be the result of serious and abnormal wear when such is not the case.

—Present the consumer with a choice of a dismantled car, a costly repair bill or a charge for reassembly of the transmission without having repairs made.

—Perform repairs on cars without the customer's authorization.

—Add the words "repair as per estimate" after the work order has already been signed by the customer.

—Obtain the signature of a consumer on a work order by inferring that the work order was a warranty card.

Lo-Cost Automatic has paid compensation to two customers as part of the agreement.

with the department of Consumer Affairs.

The actions were publicized in the monthly Enforcement Report of the department, which is circulated to all news outlets.

In other cases publicized in the report, Tuffy Muffler Ltd. of 700 West Georgia in Vancouver has agreed to return money to a customer and has agreed in future it will not say a part is needed when it is not.

Vernon Funeral Home Ltd. of Vernon, B.C., has agreed to reimburse two estates by \$955 each and will not reuse caskets in the future. The case involved a steel casket which was repainted and resold.

Davidson's Color Television Repair Centre Ltd. of 470 Granville St. in Vancouver has returned money to a customer and agreed that in future it will not say a service, replacement or repair is needed if it is not. The case involved the installation of a new picture tube in a TV set.

Brown Bros. Ford Sales and Service Ltd. of 5690 Granville St. in Vancouver, has refunded a customer \$5,145 and taken back a car. The car was sold by a salesman as a demonstrator model having a new car warranty when in fact it had been sold previously and traded in by the owner, the department of consumer services said.

Comor Sports Centre Ltd. of 925 West Georgia Street in Vancouver has agreed not to advertise a sale to be of limited duration if it is not, and not to refer to regular prices if the price has not been in force for a reasonable time prior to the sale.

The department of consumer services alleges that an advertised three-day sale of ski equipment was repeated on a number of occasions and resulted in a sale price lasting almost five months.

The department also noted that weekend sales continued beyond the time period indicated.

CABINS RAZED

Six of the 10 old cabins of the Calpine Motel, 7816 East Saanich Road, were destroyed by fire Monday.

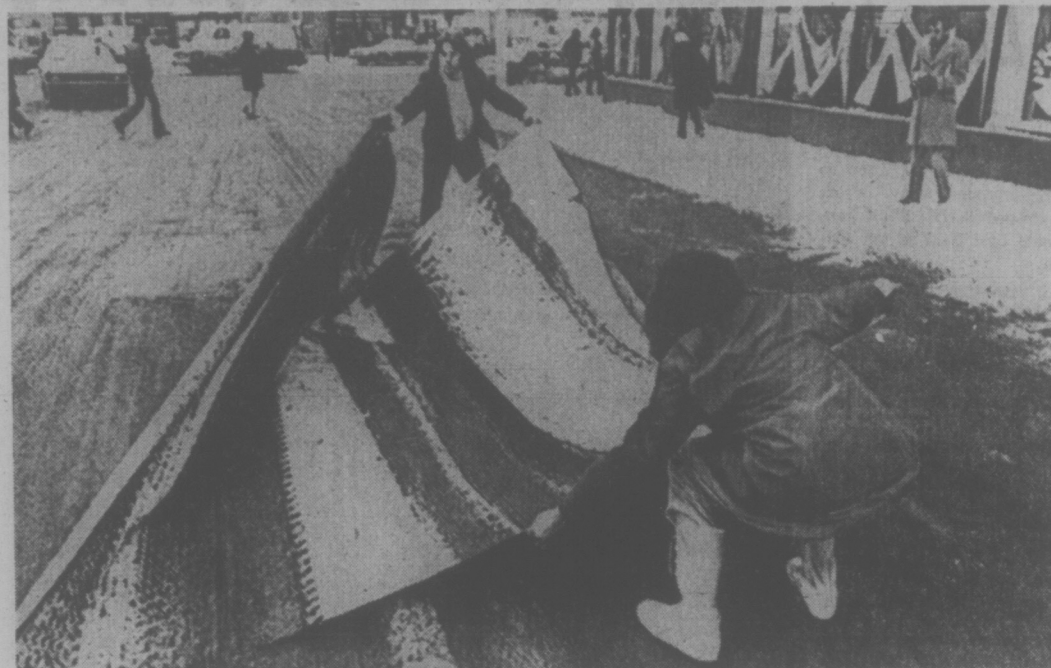
The holocaust, however,

was planned as a practice exercise for the Central Saanich Volunteer Fire Department.

About 20 of the 30-member department took part in the controlled fire, said Chief Bruce Elvendale, and were helped by 10 men and two pump units from the Saanich fire department.

The blaze was spectacular but the fire and police officers received no calls because nearby residents had been warned of the exercise.

The Central Saanich firemen are expected to have another practice session early in the new year at the motel, which has been empty since November.



Campbell removes vast canvass from intersection in Toronto

Et Voila,
It's A...

Masterpiece?

TORONTO (CP) — Street painter Skipper Campbell, 29, was out in the middle of a busy city intersection anchoring 120 square feet of pristine canvas to the snow-slashed asphalt Monday when the light changed.

He slipped to safety through three-inch-thick quagmire — four parts slush and three parts latex base — as cars silted to a stop in front of the painting.

Drivers in the first wave were puzzled and cautious, treating the canvas like any other road hazard. It was a taxi that finally pioneered the new art form, imprinting a curve of cat-paw snowdrift across the top right corner of the canvas.

Within minutes the canvas was carrying as many as four cars at a time as drivers used it for traction to carry them through to the next light.

It was torn up, folded, printed on both sides and looked like nothing so much as the rag in a mechanic's hip-pocket.

Then Campbell took advantage of the next red light to holler: "It's finished."

After hauling the canvas back to the sidewalk, Campbell explained that he is the only artist working in this medium.

It will be shown along with five others in a series done on Toronto streets at an exhibit in January.

"It's my life work," he said. "Vehicles transport everything in this society and nobody ever looks at what they leave right there on the ground."

"I'm using vehicles to transport their own energies across my canvases."

Soviet Jets for Angola

Times News Services

LUSAKA — The Soviet Union has introduced the prospect of aerial battles in the Angolan civil war, a conflict so far fought entirely on the ground, pro-western nationalist sources said today.

Russian technicians are assembling 12 crated MiG-21s for the Marxist faction, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, the sources said.

They said Soviet experts simultaneously have completed work on a highly-sophisticated radar interception system in Luanda for use in guiding MiG fighters in attacks on both ground and airborne targets.

Foster Portuguese air force pilots as well as a number of Cubans have ar-

rived to form the nucleus of an air force for the popular movement, the sources said.

Meanwhile, Israeli sources said today that a Cuban ar-

mored brigade which has served on the Syrian frontlines for the past two years has been withdrawn and apparently sent to Angola.

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the weather

A series of disturbances moving in from the southwest towards the B.C. coast will bring mainly cloudy skies with rain along the coast and snowflurries over the interior for most of today and Wednesday. A slight moderation in temperatures will turn snow over the Southern Interior to rain or mixed rain and snow by Wednesday.

DOMINION PUBLIC WEATHER OFFICE
10 A.M. FORECASTS
Valid Until Midnight Wednesday

Greater Victoria: Mainly overcast today and Wednesday with periods of rain tapering off to showers Wednesday afternoon. Highs both days near 8. Lows tonight near 5.

Greater Vancouver, Lower Mainland, East Vancouver Islands: Mainly overcast today and Wednesday with periods of rain tapering off to showers Wednesday afternoon. Highs both days near 8. Lows tonight near 5.

North and West Vancouver Island: Mainly overcast today and Wednesday with periods of rain turning to showers Wednesday afternoon. Highs both days near 8 to 9. Lows tonight near 5.

TEMPERATURES
Yesterday
Max. Min. Precip.
Victoria 8 6 —
Normal 7 3 —
One Year Ago
Victoria 7 1 —

ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Prince Rupert	7	4	1.50
Prince George	2	—	—
Kamloops	0	—	.30
Vancouver	5	3	2.80
Lethbridge	8	1	—
Med Hat	3	—	8
Vermilion	—	16	—
Edmonton	—	12	trace
Jasper	—	7	—
Banff	—	9	—
Calgary	—	11	—
Prince Albert	—	19	—
N. Battleford	—	16	—
Saskatoon	—	17	—
Swift Current	—	6	—
Yorkton	—	16	—
Moose Jaw	—	7	—
North Bay	—	19	1.00
Regina	—	15	—
Estevan	—	12	—
Brandon	—	19	trace
Winnipeg	—	9	trace
Thun Bay	—	17	trace
The Pas	—	11	trace
White River	—	21	.30
Toronto	—	9	trace
Ottawa	—	10	trace
Montreal	—	13	trace
Quebec	—	15	—
St. John's	—	4	2.30
Halifax	9	0	43.20
Charlottetown	7	—	53.30
Fredericton	—	2	16.30

U.S. Temperatures: Chicago -2, 1; Minneapolis -3, -3; New York -3, 1; Miami 4, 13; Boston -6, 2; Washington -3, 3; Los Angeles 13, 18; San Diego 12, 17; San Francisco 8, 13; Denver -5, 9; Las Vegas 6, 14; Phoenix 9, 17; Honolulu 19, 27.

World Temperatures: Amsterdam 3, 6; Athens 2, 12; Bangkok 18, 27; Beirut 9, 13; Berlin 5, 7; Brussels 3, 7; Buenos Aires 19, 34; Copenhagen 6, 9; Frankfurt 3, 4; Gen-

eva -3, 0; Helsinki 0, 3; Hong Kong 10, 16; Johannesburg 14, 25; Kiev 1, 4; Lisbon 5, 13; London 7, 9; Madrid -2, 8; Moscow -7, -2; Paris 4, 7; Rio de Janeiro 20, 36; Rome 3, 12; Sao Paulo 20, 29; Seoul -10, -4; Singapore 23, 27; Stockholm 3, 8; Taipei 10, 17; Tehran 0, 7; Tel Aviv 10, 17; Tokyo 2, 12.

CITY'S WEATHER RECORD
Sunshine December 56.0 hrs.
Last December 38.9 hrs.
Normal (30 Years) 43.5 hrs.
Sunshine 1975 218.4 hrs.
Last Year 220.5 hrs.
Normal (30 Years) 217.2 hrs.
Precipitation Dec. 127.9 mm.
Last December 95.5 mm.
Normal (30 Years) 84.7 mm.
Precipitation, 1975 778.6 mm.
Last Year 637.8 mm.
Normal (30 Years) 633.8 mm.

Sunrise, Sunset Wednesday
(Pacific Standard Time)
Sunrise 8:41 Sunset 16:22

TIDES AT VICTORIA HARBOR
(Tides listed are Pacific Standard Time)

Time	Hi	Time	Hi	Time	Hi	Time	Hi
M.A.	P.M.	M.A.	P.M.	M.A.	P.M.	M.A.	P.M.
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24	07:55	8:08	45	7:01	45	7:10	3:0
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ICBC Emergency Needs Help Fast—McGeer

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. is in "an emergency situation and will need immediate financial help," Pat McGeer, the new minister responsible for ICBC, said Monday.

McGeer said in an interview that losses of the monopoly auto insurance company will reach \$200 million when the current insurance year expires Feb. 29.

"If this was a private company it would be placed in receivership," McGeer said. "ICBC will have to obtain funds immediately."

McGeer said the premium increases announced under the NDP are not nearly high enough to restore the health of the company.

Asked if he would recommend taking money from gasoline taxes to cover ICBC's

deficit, the minister said "there is no money to transfer."

The Social Credit party promised during the election campaign that it would end government subsidies to ICBC and allow private insurance companies to sell auto insurance.

McGeer said Monday that private insurance would be allowed as soon as possible,

"but I don't see how, the private insurance industry can be brought in with only two weeks' notice; they weren't poised to come back into the province."

Private insurance companies, however, have been acting as brokers for ICBC since the New Democratic Party made it the sole auto insurance agent in 1974. Private companies also have re-

mained in other insurance fields in B.C.

During the election campaign, the industry mounted an advertising campaign against the ICBC and Autoplan, using as a theme "Thanks for the Memories."

In addition, 37 private companies have been unsuccessful in court to have the legislation setting up Autoplan set

aside. The suit has gone through the B.C. Court of Appeal and industry spokesmen have said they intend to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Meanwhile the Insurance Bureau of Canada promised Monday to co-operate in every way possible with McGeer.

"Certainly he is a man who showed during the election campaign that he was very

knowledgeable about ICBC," said Ken Malthouse, manager of the bureau's Vancouver branch.

Tom Norton of Prince George, president of the Insurance Agents Association of B.C., said that "we hope to have a meeting with ICBC under its new directors just to find out how the mechanics are going to come about as to the 1976 premium year."

'A Step Back'—Labor

VANCOUVER (CP)—Union leaders said Monday that B.C. should have a full-time labor minister and that to divide the duties with another portfolio is a retrograde step.

The concern followed news that Labor Minister Allan Williams is also to have responsibility for Indian affairs in the new Bennett cabinet.

"It's a step back to the old system of a part-time minister," said Ron Johnson, education director for the B.C. Federation of Labor.

Attorney-general Leslie Peterson was responsible for labor and law enforcement in the cabinet of former Social Credit Premier W. A. C. Bennett.

"The labor movement has grown even more since then and it should be a full-time job," said Johnson.

"If I were an Indian, I would express the same concern. One or the other job is going to get less attention."

Jack Munro, regional president of the International Woodworkers of America, expressed similar concern.

"I am extremely disappointed," he said. "I thought everybody in the province had recognized that the trade union movement certainly warrants a full-time minister."

"I am not spilling for a war with him," Munro said. "What we are concerned about is that he is going to be implementing the philosophies of the Social Credit government."

"We are still recovering from the old-line thinking that the former Social Credit government had."

Syd Thompson, president of the Vancouver and District Labor Council, said it makes little difference who is appointed labor minister.

"Whoever it is will be handling out the policies of the government," said Thompson. "I said the day after the election and I say now that I fear the worst for labor under this government."

Senator Ed Lawson, president of the Teamsters' Union joint council, said he thinks Williams will take a hard-line approach to the detriment of the labor movement.

"We are still willing to work with him and I would hope, although not very optimistically, that he will engage in consultation and not confrontation."

Corporation Officers Suspended

The new Social Credit government has suspended the powers of officers of corporations in which the provincial government has an interest.

Large, black-bordered advertisements appeared in newspapers in B.C. today, giving notice to all directors and officers of corporations in which the province owns a share that their powers are suspended.

The notice, signed by "The Minister of Finance," says these officers may not exercise any of their normal powers without approval in writing. Evan Wolfe of Vancouver is the new minister.

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NEW CABINET begins its term with smiles for photographers at Government House shortly after the Social Credit government was sworn into office today. Happy faces from left to right are: Education Minister Pat McGeer; Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Hugh Curtis; Finance Minister Evan

Wolfe; Health Minister Bob McClelland; Environment Minister Jim Nielsen; Labor Minister Allan Williams; Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm; Premier Bill Bennett; Lt.-Gov. and Mrs. Walter Owen; Transport Minister Jack Davis; Provincial Secretary and Recreation and Tourism Minister Grace Mc-

Carthy; Mines and Forests Minister Tom Waterland; Attorney-General Garde Gårdom; Consumer Services Minister Rafe Mair; Agriculture and Economic Minister Don Phillips and Public Works and Highways Minister Alex Fraser. (Bill Halkett photo)

Vander Zalm a Redneck—Wallace

B.C.'s new Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm was labeled a "redneck" Monday by Conservative leader Scott Wallace.

"It's an unfortunate time for the pendulum to swing so dramatically to the right and have the department of human resources run by a redneck," said Wallace.

Vander Zalm once called for the return of the lash, he said, and while changes may have been needed it would be wrong to publicly penalize people who do need help.

Wallace was much more vocal in his criticism of the new Social Credit cabinet than representatives of the other parties.

NDP spokesman, former highways minister Graham Lea, said it appears Premier Bill Bennett is either planning to appoint new ministers slowly by watching their performance in the house or he is planning to restructure the entire cabinet setup.

Either way, Lea said, the people should wait and assess his performance before passing judgment.

Bennett appointed only 15 ministers, with four dual portfolios, and has started shut-

fling some of the ministerial responsibilities.

It's probably a good plan to re-assess and change the portfolios from time to time, said Lea, adding that he simply wished the new government luck and did not want to pass judgment on the individual abilities of each appointee.

Liberal leader Gordon Gibson had a similar reaction, saying Bennett appeared to have chosen his cabinet cautiously, "leaving lots of room for adjustment later."

"Governments write their own commentaries as time goes by... I wish them luck," he said.

But Wallace was free with his comments, saying he was disappointed with some of the dual portfolios which place a heavy load on certain ministers, such as Hugh Curtis who takes both housing and municipal affairs.

He said it was surprising Bennett would give such large, new portfolios to Richmond MLA Jim Nielsen, who will head the new environment department.

Newcomer Tom Waterland, who will take over mines and forests, has professional training as a mining engineer, said Wallace, but it will be a

tough job for the new member.

Health Minister Bob McClelland has a difficult task ahead of him in trying to keep the Socreds' promise of intermediate health care, said Wallace.

And the Tory leader even had some doubts about the new speaker, Ed Smith, who will be sworn in at the first sitting of the house.

Smith brought in some convoluted challenges to the chair in days gone by," he said, and the house can look into the future of Smith's term as Speaker "with apprehension."

Greater Victoria mayors, meanwhile, reacted favorably to Curtis' appointment to the municipal affairs post.

Ed Lum, who succeeded Curtis as mayor of Saanich, said the new minister had "eminent qualifications" and mentioned his background as president of the Union of B.C. Municipalities and chairman of the B.C. Finance Authority.

Lum felt Curtis knows better than anyone else the extent to which municipalities need provincial help. The Saanich mayor also said that tying together the portfolios of municipal affairs and housing

under Curtis makes good sense. "You can't have good housing unless all municipal services are available," he said.

Lum agreed with Vander Zalm's appointment because "it was time the government appointed someone with a hard-line stand" in human resources.

But mayor-elect Michael Young of Victoria wasn't so sure about Vander Zalm's appointment. "Vander Zalm doesn't exactly strike me as a member of the loving-and-understanding society," Young said.

Young approved of Curtis' appointment and hoped to meet soon with him.

Esquimalt mayor Art Young felt Curtis would do "an excellent job" while Ald. John Gault, acting mayor of Oak Bay, said Curtis would bring experience and expertise to a "badly neglected portfolio." He described Curtis as an expert politician "who knows what it is all about."

Curtis' appointment was welcomed in Vancouver by Ald. Jack Volrich, city council finance committee chairman.

"I expect we will be able to set up a much more effective and useful relationship with Mr. Curtis than during the past few years (under former minister Jim Lorimer) because of Mr. Curtis' closer understanding of municipal problems," Volrich said.

CHABOT EYED CABINET POST

Columbia River MLA Jim Chabot said Monday he had expected to be appointed to the new Social Credit cabinet.

In a telephone interview from his home, Chabot said he had expected and hoped for a cabinet post in the new government, but he had no hard feelings.

Chabot was one of three incumbent Socred MLAs not included in the roster of ministers sworn in Monday after Premier Bill Bennett took the oath of office.

An MLA since 1963, Chabot served one year as labor minister under the old Social Credit government.

Another former Socred cabinet minister not included in the new lineup, Pat Jordan, was elected to her fourth term as MLA for North Okanagan.

Jordan said in an interview she "really hadn't given much thought" to her own appointment as cabinet minister and declined to comment further.

She said Bennett faced a difficult decision in choosing a cabinet and "the concern of all the people is that we get good government."

Chilliwack MLA Harvey Schroeder, the third incumbent MLA left among the backbenchers, could not be reached for comment Monday.

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Canny Cabinet-Making

The election of Bill Bennett and Social Credit marked a number of firsts in British Columbia political history, but one of the most striking has to be his delegation of most of the key cabinet posts to men who short months ago were members of the political opposition in this province.

What the Liberal party hasn't been able to do in 34 years, it did on Monday with the elevation of five former very prominent members of the party of Duff Pattullo and Mackenzie King to the executive council. Just a listing of their names and new responsibilities shows the extent of this amazing development — education and ICBC to Pat McGeer, labor to Allan Williams, attorney-general to Garde Gardom, human resources to Bill Vander Zalm, transport and communications to Jack Davis, along with a seat on the boards of directors of the B.C. Petroleum Corp and B.C. Hydro.

A few educated guesses can be made about Bennett's cabinet-making strategy. First, he's loaded down several potential and declared rivals for his own job with heavy responsibilities — Vander Zalm in the half-billion-dollar portfolio of human resources, Bob McClelland in the equally expensive health portfolio, Grace McCarthy in a quadruple lineup as provincial secretary, deputy premier, government house leader and recreation and tourism minister.

Second, he's given the survivors — the small band of MLAs who were the only Socialists in B.C. ever to sit in opposition in the legislature — practically nothing. Only Alex Fraser at highways and public works, Bob McClelland at health and Don Phillips at agricul-

ture and economic development (probably one of his best choices) got the nod. There was nothing for veterans like Pat Jordan or Jim Chabot, both ministers under W.A.C. Bennett, and individuals who probably expected cabinet jobs by right this time. The absence of Harvey Schroeder, the Chilliwack minister with a strong conservative following in the party, is also telling. They are going to resent the fact that all of the party jumpers (except NDPer Frank Calder) got cabinet jobs, but the good and loyal brethren who held on in the dark days of 1972 and 1973 were passed over.

Occupationally, the new cabinet is heavy on lawyers (three), car dealers (two), broadcasters and publishers (three), florists and nurserymen (two), with a leaning of a brain researcher, a mining engineer, a partner in a trucking firm and an engineer-economist. While the NDP cabinet had social workers and several active trade unionists, Bennett's administration by contrast has half a dozen individuals who would answer to the description of independent businessman. It also seems to have more than the provincial average of millionaires.

The 15 people now running the B.C. government will do so in their present positions for a year at most. Bennett has promised to eliminate the five dual portfolios by then, and he probably will add a ministry of intergovernmental affairs. So there is some hope still for the old-timers, although newcomers like George Kerster (who bumped off Barrett) and Sam Bawlf (who could be one of only two Social MLAs on Vancouver Island) probably have an equally strong claim.

Except for two or three appointments, Bennett's cabinet seems to be a strong one. Unlike Barrett in 1972, who made seniority the only qualification, Bennett has picked some green but promising politicians with obvious talents — such as quiet mining engineer Tom Waterland for the mines department.

Other choices are questionable, to say the least. Vander Zalm promises a redneck regime for welfare recipients. Jim Nielsen may have had a lot of instant opinions as a radio hotliner but in our view that doesn't seem nearly enough preparation for the job of environment minister — which includes responsibility for lands and water resources, the land commission, provincial parks and the important environment and land use secretariat.

They may surprise the critics in time, but in these two posts and possibly a couple of others, Bennett's sole requirement seems to have been that the individual be a glib fast talker able to handle himself.

But taken as a whole, his cabinet is a fairly good one. It will meet throughout the holidays, in fact held its first meeting just after being sworn in. It gives the impression of intense activity and as Bennett said at his first press conference as premier: "Our government will be called upon for a lot of early work and hard decisions."

Undoubtedly the new administration has most people's good wishes (sincere sympathy might be more appropriate, in view of the state of the economy) but until they see the results of that work and the outcome of the decisions already being taken, the jury will be out.

GEORGE OAKE

Lunch With a Moderate Tory

Out of the shake and bake box of Tory hopefuls a new leader will emerge next February, a leader who quite possibly will be the next prime minister of Canada.

Since Alberta's Peter Lougheed chose Cameo rather than a crusade in the Unknown Kingdom, the new Conservative leader is bound to be a relative stranger.

With such a prize at stake the race is crowded. But a little armchair winnowing leaves four or five serious candidates. A little more winnowing and John Allen Fraser looks like an odds-on favorite.

Short of stature and pugnacious in bearing, he resembles a baleful Mackenzie King across a table. When I went to his room he was stuffing a shirt into a pair of pants and apologized because his plane was late.

An aide quickly whisked me into another room where I waited for less than three minutes before Fraser emerged full-blown in a three piece herring bone suit. No small talk. He wanted to get right down to a serious interview.

Hungry Man

One sip of a drink and the aide reappeared pushing a linen covered table boasting three place settings, petit-four sandwiches and a bottle of California burgundy.

I found this all very interesting and expensive. No trifle would spend this much money in scores of towns across the nation if he believed he might end up an also-ran. Fraser is a hungry man.

Later, a few calls to Ottawa confirmed that he has plenty of financial backing. There were even hints that those hard-nosed pragmatic Tories who cluster around Dalton Camp favored Fraser to win.

A former partner in the Vancouver law firm of Ladner Downs, the candidate has only been an MP for three years, yet from all reports he is an effective parliamentarian and a member of some important Commons committees.

Vancouver born and bred, the 43-year-old lawyer boasts he's been a Tory for 25 years. His background, with the exception of public schooling, betrays a careful grooming for the Conservative establishment — officer's training corps in university, service in Germany with

the First Canadian Highland Battalion, several years in the militia with the Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver and Victoria's Canadian Scottish Regiment.

Fraser first practised law in Victoria. Then he moved to Powell River, working in private practice as well as being crown prosecutor and solicitor to the municipality. After this stint of dues paying he joined the venerable Ladner Downs in Vancouver.

Like most Conservatives today, he is excited about an apparent right-wing mood overtaking the Canadian public.



JOHN FRASER
... one of the moderates

But he is not falling over himself in trying to establish a reactionary position as other Tories appear to be doing.

"I'm not a roundhead with a brick in my hand throwing it through stained glass windows," he said.

On economic matters he comes through as a vintage Tory looking at the world through navy blue glass. He uses expressions like "the realities of the marketplace" and grumbles: "It is almost considered a crime to have any individual initiative."

Yet he would restrain the private sector if it were acting against the country's interests. Fraser also sees a paradox in a government that talks a great deal

about equity and equality while ignoring the tax system as a tool in redistributing the wealth. Shades of the Carter report.

On energy matters he is even more heretical, saying that future Canadian produced oil will be extremely expensive. He believes the government is trying to con the public to pay higher prices for more expensive oil. A long-term, tightly-controlled energy policy is Fraser's answer to current confusion and uncertainty.

In an implicit rebuke to James Gillies and other Tory leadership candidates who openly attacked the Conservative record Fraser says he has never publicly attacked his party or the principles within it. But he does admit his party has not been as effective as it might have been in the House of Commons.

"I'd have hit them a lot harder," he said.

Only once did he lose the unruffled mein of Tory gentility. I commented on the apparent paradox of his being an opponent of Skagit Valley flooding and a proponent of the 1976 winter Olympics being held in B.C.

Environmental Concern

After a few expletives at the mere suggestion of such an idea, he emphasized that environment was always his uppermost concern.

The hint of a temper also comes through when he talks of the current Liberal regime.

"Mr. Trudeau has mismanaged this country and we're going to pay a hell of a price for it."

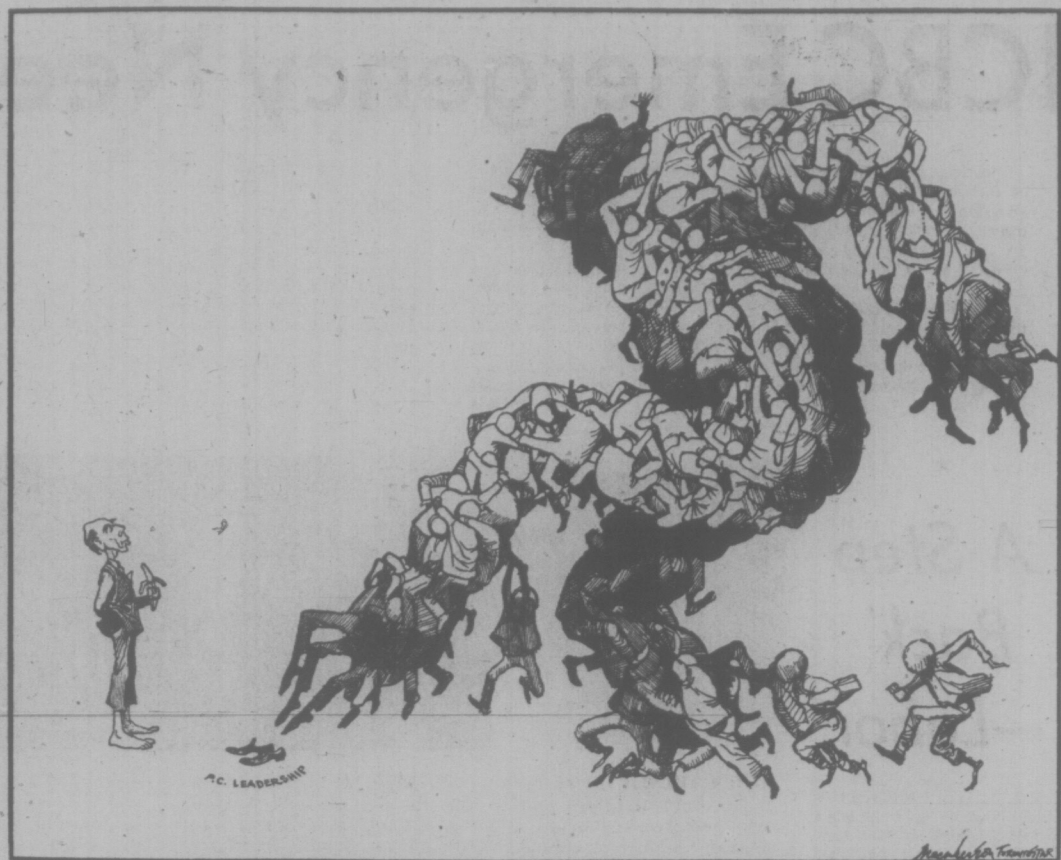
He believes that Trudeau is a doctrinaire socialist who is moving the country to the left — a dangerous exercise in his view. Still, Fraser rates himself at the centre of his party, adding that the Tories are a long way to the right of the Liberal party.

And why is he running for the leadership?

"I thought I could do it better than most," he said. "I don't want to be anywhere else right now."

The aide breezes in telling Fraser he has another appointment in 10 minutes, at the same time advising me there is a background folder on the candidate at my left elbow. As I go out one door there is a knock at the other.

John Fraser is so hungry he barely had time to eat.



letters

Mission Support

Through your newspaper I would like to express my appreciation to the Churches and people of Victoria who supported the recent Terry Winter Greater Victoria Christian Mission.

The mission was held nightly from Nov. 9-16 with all of the meetings at the Metropolitan United Church with the exception of the closing meeting which was held at the arena. Christianity is alive and well in Victoria and this was clear during the mission because of the attendance and particularly on the closing night when we had about 5,000 people packed into the Victoria Memorial Arena.

I am particularly happy with the co-operation of the churches in assisting me to raise the budget of about \$34,000. Of this sum of money only \$1,100 was raised by offerings at the churches. The rest came from the hearts of the people of the churches of Victoria. When there seems to be so much hate, confusion and violence it was refreshing to see the love, peace and goodwill amongst men the days of this mission. — Charles Ellington, Finance Chairman, Terry Winter Greater Victoria Mission.

Petrodollars

I am hesitant to be critical about an administration which brought in as many good things in little more than three years as B.C.'s New Democrats, but I must take strong issue with Dave Barrett's statement of Thursday, Dec. 18, making it appear as if it's absolutely necessary that we keep borrowing the so-called petrodollars.

I feel that instead of going to the Arab block for money needed for large Hydro developments, we should have offered parity bonds to B.C. residents first and other Canadians second, at the same 9% per cent rate which we will be paying for the petrodollars.

I have seen Mr. Barrett's statements on parity bonds, but they hold little water when stacked up against sales of Canada Savings Bonds this year, and that with a yield which averages out to 9.38 per cent over nine years. A B.C. offering in the fall of 1975 of similar provincial parity bonds yielding 9% per cent would have, I'm sure, been snapped up like PNE hamburgers which correctly forecast Mr. Barrett's demise.

It is incredible that, while many millions of dollars are pouring out of B.C. into Washington state, Australia and other faraway places because of lack of investment opportunities in the province, Mr. Barrett should have been going to the Arab block for financing.

After all, he wanted B.C. people to invest their money in B.C., and what better way of doing it than through B.C. bonds for B.C. people first, and other Canadians second.

I don't know where Mr. Barrett acquired his dislike for parity bonds, but one thing is certain — everyone I talked to long before the last election was wondering why they'd been ignored in favor of going after petrodollars.

I fervently hope the new administration gives B.C. residents the same investment opportunity that Mr. Barrett's government offered to the Arabs. —Ray Kerr, 206-666 Cook Street.

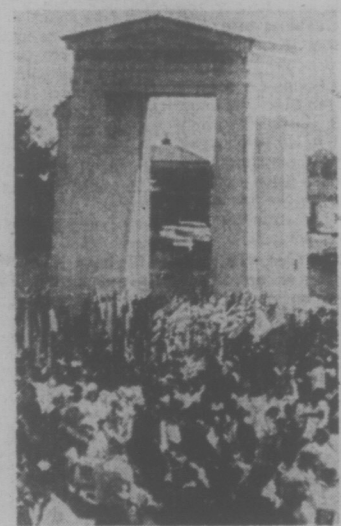
Frank Comments

I would like to respond to the public statements of William Porter — the now ex-U.S. ambassador to Canada.

Yes, Mr. Porter did overstep the bounds of the "diplomatic" profession. His statements concerning the B.C. election were highly uncalled for and he should be reprimanded for his personal outburst, but what he had to say about U.S.-Canadian relations should not surprise anyone. Indeed I am quite shocked at the response in Ottawa. If the U.S. cut off — or told us they would cut off in the near future — 50 per cent of their exports to us because they can't keep up with their domestic demands, or Washington state decided to nationalize all Canadian-owned land in that state, Canadian-U.S. relations would deteriorate

somewhat. When Canada does something along these lines, why then are we so surprised and angered over what is logically a realistic response to the situation? You take something from somebody (rightly or wrongly) — sometimes without talking to them first — and they tend to get angry (as Canadians we should have learnt this well).

Recently I heard a talk by Prof. Gerald Routan from Western Washington State College. He is one of the few Americans researching and teaching U.S.-Canadian relations in the U.S. In his



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talks to people in the state department, he found Mr. Porter's theme to be a common one.

Mr. Porter should be congratulated for his honesty and frankness; it is too uncommon today. What really disappoints me about this event is that it shows once again that it takes an American to point out reality to many Canadians — even at the highest levels. —Phil Esmond, Victoria.

Firefighter Costs

It has often been said that if you spoil a human being, be it a child or adult, the more spoiled and demanding they will be. We have, of course, most assuredly over the years found out how true this is.

Referring to our local fire department, how spoiled are they?

It seems they are a "necessary evil" at present, to look after the few fires that Victoria does have — (from time to time). In 29 years that I have lived in Victoria, I have seen very few fires of any consequence here in our city. To put it very bluntly and truthfully, this large group of men do very little day after day for the wages they are getting at present. Yet they demand more!

It would be very interesting if the city were to make the necessary investigations to find out how true it is of the number of firemen who, because of the little activity they have on their daily shift work, do other jobs on the side — moonlighting. One hears of the large number of them who have done this over the years how many of them do this at present and are making large sums of money per year? Yet they ask more from the overburdened tax-payer!

One practice that the city should most certainly stop is this silly custom handed down over the years — the buying of their uniforms.

Now we are shocked to find out they are to get "walking out uniforms." Isn't this incredible!! This costs the taxpayers (the city) in excess of \$25,000 every year!!! This completely unnecessary expenditure should be stopped immediately! Since when are the firemen more important than any of the other city employees? Yet they buy their own clothes.

I am sure all Victoria taxpayers will look forward to councils' quick remedy concerning this totally unnecessary spending of money. —Henry Bitterman, 705-435 Michigan Street.

Exorbitant Increase

The taxpayers of Saanich should rise and protest the recent pay increase that Saanich mayor and councillors recently awarded themselves.

There is no doubt that they are the most progressive and cunning elected municipal group in the area. Progressive because in approximately two years they have "progressed" their pay and allowances by about 80 per cent and cunning because of the way it was done!

In 1973 a councillor received \$2300 plus \$1200 for a total of \$3500. The recent salary increase of 12.5 per cent retroactive to January combined with the increase they awarded themselves in 1974 results in a salary of approximately \$5000 plus \$1,200 travel or a total of \$6200. They have almost doubled their pay in two years.

It is quite apparent that councillors (particularly Mr. Joe Bourque, who claimed he was opposed to a pay increase) think the taxpayers of Saanich are a bunch of dunderheads. Perhaps we are — if we allow our elected officials to help themselves greedily from the public trough. I shudder to think what would have happened had there not been a federal wage increase ceiling in effect. I note they took the maximum increase allowed.

Residents of Saanich, oppose this exorbitant wage increase and bombard the elected officials with protest letters and telephone calls! —E.D.B. Mons, 4482 Tyndall Avenue.

Humane Trudeau

Al Fotheringham seems to be vacillating like an uncontrollable pendulum of Father Time. Politically in criticism he is flailing around with arms heavenward like a drowning man with nostrils barely above the lethal H2O.

Hey, Al, take it easy! From Maclean's his commentary published in the Victoria Times (Page 5), December 17, 1975, "How the Grits Care for Their Own and Rule Forever," he begins: "So Franco is dead." He likens the Spanish lengthy dictatorship to that of the Liberal Party of Canada. Not for a moment does it seem to cross his fertile journalistic mind above the vast difference between the two political philosophies. Not telling, but under Franco's political regime Al could possibly have been included with the unfortunate five before a firing squad a few sad weeks ago.

For the sake of us all, Al, please do keep that in mind when next your erratic typewriter keys skitter about with thoughtless abandon and think, think. We happen to have in our midst human elements (human?) which chop at the bit (especially out in the West) to get going and once again institute the gallows. Which by the way, in my opinion, is much less humane than the firing squad!

Thank God for Mr. Trudeau and all the humanitarian people on his side. May they be with us for a long time before some dark night history descends upon us with less warning that it did in Spain. — M. Anderson, 640 Dallas Road.

60 YEARS AGO

From the Times of December 23, 1915

The Japanese peasantry are reaping a harvest from the shutting-off of German-made toys from America, according to W. H. Eldridge, a businessman of Omaha, Nebraska, who arrived from Yokohama on the Empress of Japan last night. He made a thorough investigation of conditions in Japan and found there is a growing export of wooden toys carved by the peasantry and small farmers. They are made from mostly native woods.

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A Refugee Marriage Collapses

DELANO, Fla. — They sit, alone, this man and this woman, on separate sofas, and the cold, wordless space between them grows as the afternoon shadows lengthen.

"She is taking my place," he finally mutters to himself, staring at the wall. "Someone must," she snaps, staring at the floor.

And so goes the eroding marriage of Hong Van Hoanh and Le Thi Tam.

After travelling 7,000 miles together, losing luggage and being separated from each other in the process, after spending eight weeks on Guam in a tent in a refugee camp and after having two sponsors bicker over who would take them in, they now face a new and different problem: He is either unable or uninterested in learning the English language and therefore cannot find a job. She, with fluent English, has become the leader of the family.

Formerly of Saigon's upper class, now of this city's food-stamp program, the couple have seen their once healthy relationship wounded by war, weakened by history and frayed even further by their struggle to survive as Vietnamese refugees in the United States.

Not long ago a rich and successful merchant, his family's generous provider, he now is lonely, penniless and jobless in a strange land.

Not long ago she was a pampered and performed grand dame with servants and staff. Now she is the breadwinner, the key to their livelihood, the haggard working wife of an unemployed husband.

While the losses of country and for-

By JAMES T. WOOTEN

tune were stressful enough, the usurpation of his traditional masculine role has now stretched taut the fabric of their marriage — and so they sit at opposite ends of the room, avoiding each other's eyes.

Le Thi Tam was born on her father's small farm near Saigon in 1941, the fourth of eight daughters who were taught by their thin, softspoken mother that women occupied a subservient place in society.

They fled Saigon in the screaming panic of the last three days before the Thieu government collapse, taking with them his three teen-age sons from a previous marriage, their own two children, two of her cousins, the clothes on their back and a suitcase crammed with millions of worthless paper piasters.

His faith in the Thieu government was so strong that he had refused to believe what was happening could happen, and then there was no time to convert his assets into gold.

Now, seven months later, after brief sojourns in the Philippines, Guam and a refugee camp in northwest Florida, they are living in this little town in a big old house provided by their sponsor, the Christian Missionary Alliance, a fundamentalist group that operates a hospital and a home for the elderly.

After saving \$400 from her work as a nurse's aide in the hospital — and losing nearly 20 pounds in the process — Mrs. Hoanh has taken a leave of ab-

sence to study fiercely for a Florida nursing license examination. "It is so good to work again," she says, "and when I am truly a nurse — an American nurse — I will be more happy."

But Hoanh is uninterested in what most Americans have told him is the first step toward adjustment, learning English. He speaks Vietnamese and French, but knows only greetings and farewells in English. He spends his days slumped on the couch in their living room, a small television set chattering incomprehensibly nearby.

He watches resentfully as his wife runs the meager budget and the house and the family, registering for \$388 in food stamps this month, shopping, working, studying and even learning to drive a car.

All of this seems only to add to his depression. "He shouts at me," she said. "He says, 'Because of you, this has happened.' And when all the children return to their homes from school, Hoanh stands outside the house and watches them and weeps for his daughter left in Saigon."

Now, he speaks of going to Paris where his brother, also a refugee, has a small business and his other daughter is on a scholarship at the Sorbonne.

Mrs. Hoanh listened and nodded. "How long would you stay?" she asked. He said nothing.

"How long?" she asked more insistently, but Hong Van Hoanh stared at the wall.

"I am afraid he will not come back," she said.

New York Times

'Let's Get Into Oil Business'

TORONTO STAR
An Editorial

If Canadians are going to secure their energy future, this country will need not only much stronger policies for energy development, but also a real piece of the action.

More and more it looks as though the only practical way they can get this kind of involvement is to buy out one of the large private petroleum companies such as Imperial Oil.

The private industry itself has provided ample justification in the past two years for massive public involvement. When the federal government decided in 1973 that Canadian oil companies should not be allowed to reap windfall profits from prices dictated by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), exploration dropped drastically in Canada.

This private business decision to cut back on exploration for new reserves came at a time when Canadians were suddenly discovering that existing supplies of oil and gas were rapidly running out. Yet we were helpless to do anything about it.

An industry survey indicates there will be a marked improvement in exploration activity next year, mainly because the federal and provincial governments involved have made important concessions to the private companies. One industry spokesman says the renewed activity "is being undertaken on good faith that wellhead prices will go up and that the governments will further improve the royalty and tax position of the industry."

In other words, Canadians will get the oil and gas they need provided they allow the private (foreign-controlled) petroleum industry to charge what it likes, and so long as governments don't try to get too pushy.

This is an intolerable situation. And it should be the foundation stone of any new policy that Canada's energy future will not be left to the whims of the private industry.

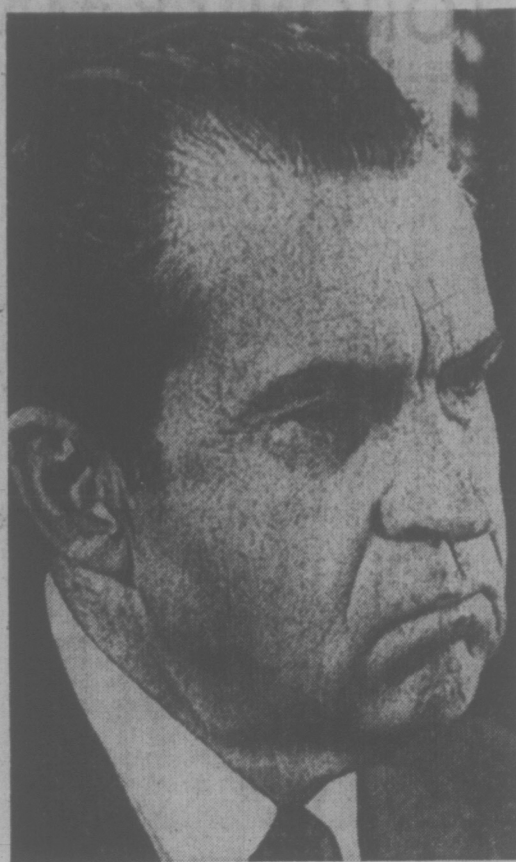
Nor should Canada's public involvement be restricted to the high-cost, high-risk sectors of the industry, such as exploration and development, or the three-government salvage job performed earlier this year on the Syncrude oil sands project.

If Canadians are going to get into the high-expense end of the business, they will also have to control the high-profit areas such as refining and retailing.

Petro-Canada, the new federal government oil company, is a step in the right direction. But it is sadly under-financed and, by former energy (now finance) minister Donald Macdonald's own instruction, under-ambitious.

In any case, according to a federal energy department study, it would take 15 years or more to build an effective, fully integrated petroleum company from the ground up. Canada's energy needs are much more urgent than that.

The way to deal Canadians in on the high-stakes game of energy development is to take over an existing company, lock, stock and (\$8) barrel. The logical candidate to provide the vital public leverage is the industry leader, Imperial Oil Ltd.



NIXON . . . manipulated their fears

The Right-Wing Despises People

THE NATION
An Editorial

In what he thought was a private dinner-table conversation in Ottawa, Henry Kissinger made some remarks about Nixon that were inadvertently transmitted to the lounge of the Canadian National Press Club. Nixon, he said, was an "unpleasant, very artificial" man who "dislikes people" and always "hated to meet 'new people.'"

Why, then, asks Kissinger, did this unpleasant plastic man decide to become a politician and how did he succeed to the extent that he did?

Kissinger should know the answer. Right-wing demagogues dislike people; they basically despise the electorate. If they did not dislike people, they would not exhibit, as they often do, diabolic skill in exploiting popular fears and misconceptions. To have a talent for right-wing demagoguery, a politician needs to believe that people are stupid, craven, corruptible and easily misled.

Nixon was drawn to politics because he held people in contempt and was quite sure that he knew how to manipulate their fears. If he had liked people he would have taken a different tack. Nixon entered politics as the cold war was getting underway and he departed, in disgrace, as it was being superseded by something called "cold peace."

Cold-war hysteria made it possible to ignore real issues, to spurn serious and thoughtful debate, to concentrate on demagoguery combined with "dirty tricks." In the early years of the domestic witch hunt, right-wing demagogues enjoyed a romp simply because so many "responsible" voters and institutions (notably the press) were afraid to challenge them.

Scores of candidates, every bit as demagogic and no more pleasant or less plastic than Nixon, clambered aboard the big "anti-Communism" express and rode it to power. None of them liked people any better than did Nixon. Joe McCarthy was even more unpleasant than Nixon, but managed, for a while, to be the terror of the hustings. Nixon went further politically than the others because he was more intelligent and, at the same time, somewhat more cautious. He was also

favoured by the fact that professional political public relations — what today we call "image making" — had its origins in California about when he entered politics.

Relevant to Kissinger's question about Nixon are some comments by Karl Hess (The Washington Post). Hess was Sen. Barry Goldwater's chief speech writer in 1964 and the quote which follows is from his new book, Dear America:

"... the right will never successfully develop a way of talking to and with people about earthy matters. Its own ideologues are not with the people generally; they are simply job holders looking for bigger houses, better cars, and a secure retirement. If there are exceptions that I overlooked, I apologize. I simply can't think of any..."

"There are, of course, prima donnas on the left and, from time to time there emerge the entertainers of the left who rise up as great monsters threatening the peace of the countryside and giving the audience luscious thrills and chills, or scrawling political obscenities on the walls like wild kids trying to shock the old folks. They come and they go and everyone knows who they are and what they are."

"But the left persists. With people who have worked all their lives for union democracy and will never stop. With people who have worked all their lives against war and will never stop. With people who worked all their lives to bring the poor from the impoverishing programs of the welfare state into the world of real self-reliance and who will never stop. With the people who have fought entrenched privilege all their lives and will never stop."

"And to this I will swear: I do not personally know an active, persistent person on the left who is in for the money, the glory or the personal power. On the right I know scarcely anyone who is not."

Kissinger may not agree with these sentiments but he can hardly question Hess's credentials to comment on the motivations of right-wing politicians.

Tide Running Out on Nuclear Power

By DAVID BURNHAM
New York Times

The long-held dream that nuclear power would give the world an endless stream of low-cost electric power has faded, according to a growing number of economists, technical experts and utility officials.

In the years immediately after the Second World War, people believed that the miracle of the atom could produce automobiles gliding through smogless cities. As recently as 1969, a leading nuclear scientist was predicting that the cheap energy of nuclear power might very well set man free. Just two years ago, President Nixon held out nuclear power as one of the key weapons in the American battle for energy independence by 1980.

But now, that nuclear dream is clouded by problems, some great and some small, such as the soaring increase in the cost of building reactors to an expected \$1,135 per kilowatt in 1985, from \$300 per kilowatt in 1972; a growing concern about the problems and costs of protecting reactors and their waste products from sabotage; the rising price of uranium, and a possible requirement of new and expensive safety devices for U.S. reactors as a result of a fire last spring in a reactor at Brown's Ferry, Alabama.

Subsidies Needed

Though national defence considerations and environmental restrictions may still make the atom more attractive than fossil fuels such as coal and oil, many experts have become convinced that substantial subsidies will be required if the United States is even to come close to the Ford Administration's stated goal of building 630 reactors in the next 25 years.

Providing such a subsidy, in fact, is a prime objective of the administration's proposed

\$100-billion Energy Independence Authority and several other possible aid plans under consideration.

"I agree there was a dream, and five years ago, when we were generating power at \$100 a kilowatt, the dream seemed justified," said Dr. Ivan M. Weinberg, an independent consultant who is one of the nation's most distinguished nuclear scientists, in an interview.

"Right now," Weinberg said, "it looks like the dream has ended, but I caution you all the returns aren't in. At this moment, though, it is probable that nuclear energy is going to be a great deal more expensive than enthusiasts such as myself first thought."

Over-Optimistic

Dr. Carl Walske, president of the Atomic Industrial Forum, a pro-nuclear lobbying group, acknowledged that the case for the alternatives, "a report to the energy Research and Development Administration concluded recently.

"We noted a distinct tendency in the nuclear energy literature to underestimate nuclear power costs, more often than not by simply omitting some costs, or neglecting the potential effects on costs of practical or operational experience such as significantly lower capacity factors than theoretical projections would suggest," said the report, by Richard J. Barber, a Washington consulting firm.

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Test reactor . . . too many problems

city's Graduate School of Business, the co-author of a recent study analyzing the relative costs of generating power by nuclear and coal-fired plants.

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"All things considered, it appears that purely on economical grounds and ignoring

shortage problems resulting from state regulation of electricity rates, the future of the United States nuclear reactor industry is less bright than most recent Government forecasts indicate," an article in the forthcoming issue of the Bell Journal of Economics and Management Science concludes.

Coal Looks Better

The article was written by Paul L. Jaskow, an associate professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Martin L. Baughman, associate director of energy modelling at the University of Texas at Austin.

"Right now, if you can build your plant near a railroad that provides a cheap supply of coal, coal looks much better than nuclear," said William Krieseman, a former member of the Atomic Energy Commission who is now with the consulting firm of Arthur D. Little.

Nuclear proponents have

long argued that the advantage of nuclear power over fossil-fired plants is that, although it costs more to build a reactor, the cost of producing electricity over the life of the system is lower because uranium is cheaper than coal or oil.

This basic thesis is now being challenged on several fronts.

A second challenge has emerged in the sharply increasing price of uranium, which several weeks ago prompted the Westinghouse Electric Corporation to tell 20 utility customers that it would no longer provide uranium after 1978. Uranium costs have quadrupled from their mid-1973 level of about \$7 a pound, and many observers believe the cost may reach \$50 a pound for deliveries in the 1980's.

Wastes a Problem

Yet another serious unresolved problem confronting the nuclear industry is what to do with spent fuel — in effect the nuclear ashes — created as the reactors heat the water to produce the steam that turns the turbines and generates electricity.

For many years, the government and industry had proposed chemically treating this spent fuel in a complex process that considerably reduces the bulk of the waste while at the same time extracting plutonium. The plutonium then would be used to fuel the reactor.

The process of extracting the plutonium on a large-scale commercial basis, however, now appears more complex than was foreseen. One of the problems is that small amounts of plutonium could be turned into home-made nuclear bombs by a small group of terrorists. This potential has prompted the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to delay approving "plutonium recycle" until it determines how many guards and fences and other expensive safeguards will be required.

Non-Parent Militancy: Who Needs It?

KATHERINE WHITEHORN
London Observer

enough; nor because she votes the straight ecological ticket on population problems.

But her arguments about how much more rewarding your marriage can be if you don't muck it up with children seem to get stuck at the truly awful candlelight — and — gesture — of the month level of Cosmopolitan. That love can become a routine, that bodies and jokes may sag, that jobs make unequal demands even of partners, that people change and grow old anyway — all this she ignores, as if she could somehow halt the unreturning years just by not having babies.

Jill Tweedie, a British Feminist journalist, once wrote that she thought work tired you out until she gave up work for a year: "Baby, life tires you out, work is just the excuse." And it's life that wears you down; even the most awful children only speed the process up. Still, the fact that such a silly book had such a success does suggest that there was a gusher of pent emotion waiting darkly to be tapped.

The pronatalism conference does provide at least one answer to the first question one asks about such an organization: what do non-parents do? Like the cartoon of the fasting Mahatma say-

ing "It's just one o'clock, why don't you stay and not have lunch with me?" They propagate the gospel of non-propagation; they send each other Non-Mothers' Day cards on August 1 — "Congratulations on avoiding the stork!" And since everyone says "If you don't have children then you'll have no one to visit you in your old folks home," they visit in such homes. There they support the childless — and take unkind note of all the productive who get neglected, too.

And their parties and outings do provide some sort of focus in areas where all the social life is centred on the PTA, the playgroup, or binges to raise funds for the new paddling pool. That would hardly be necessary, of course, with a more mixed social grouping: you aren't out of things in a village if you don't yak on about nappies and education, since half the gaffers are too old for them anyway.

What happens if someone does so far forget themselves as to breed? Are they drummed out of the Brownies? Not at all, even if they did it on purpose; for NON has parent members, too, anxious to reassure themselves they're normal even if they don't enjoy every minute. "We want them to get rid of the guilt, not get rid of the children."

For couples in doubt, they suggest fostering for a time to see how it takes them, and say firmly "If you're not ready to adopt, you're not ready to be a parent." It's a view with which people who care for children could hardly quarrel — and certainly a lot more realistic than the trendy slush which suggests that the "fulfilment" of a liberated lady should not be held up merely because she doesn't care to get married.

But the question is not really why people should not have children, as why they have to have a club to not have children. Clubs are for beating people with; these folk feel they've been pressured too long and simply want to hit back. But my heart sinks at the thought of any more defensiveness among women.

As it is, the women with jobs constantly defend themselves against the charge of being lousy mothers and-or self-centred materialists: women at home feel they're undervalued and abused. If now we're to be accused of pronatalism any time anyone prints baby pictures that aren't utterly revolting, any time it's suggested that people may, even occasionally get a kick out of their offspring, then it simply means the mothers will have to suffer what the non-mothers suffered before. Surely the NON people would be the first to agree that those who do have children have enough to put with already?

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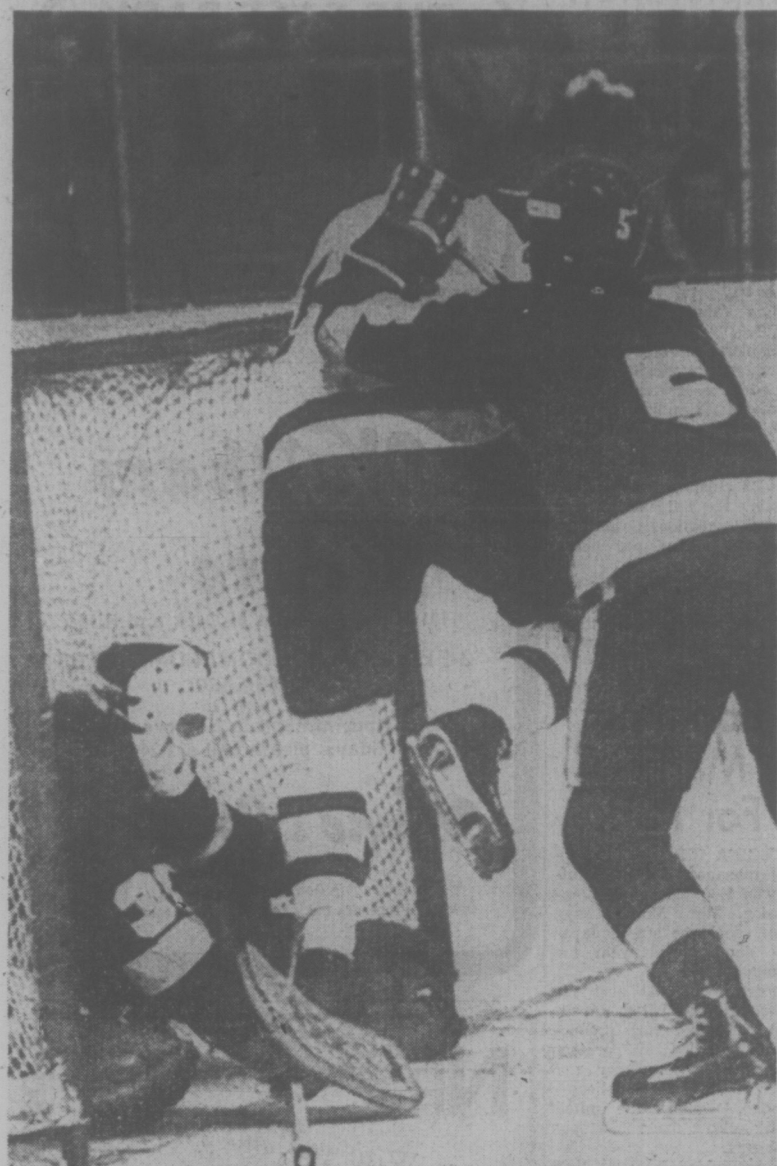


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COLLISION IN CREESE has Los Angeles goaltender Rogie Vachon ducking into net for protection during National Hockey League game Monday in Toronto. Getting bounced out

of crease by defenceman Bob Murdoch is Toronto's Stan Weir, who scored once as Maple Leafs nipped Kings 4-3 by scoring three third-period goals. (CP Wirephoto)

Ian's Birthday Gift Helps Power Leafs

By The Canadian Press
Ian Turnbull gave himself a birthday present Monday night.

The Toronto defenceman celebrated his 22nd birthday by blasting a slap shot past Los Angeles goalie Rogie Vachon late in the third period to give the Maple Leafs a 4-3 win over the Kings in a National Hockey League game.

The goal, only the sixth of

NORRIS DIVISION

	P	W	L	T	A	Pts
Montreal	35	24	5	4	19	75
Los Angeles	33	20	9	4	16	61
Pittsburgh	32	13	15	4	13	34
Detroit	30	19	11	3	10	56
Washington	24	3	27	4	10	18

ADAMS DIVISION

	P	W	L	T	A	Pts
Buffalo	33	20	9	4	16	61
Boston	33	17	8	8	12	58
Toronto	32	12	15	5	10	34
California	34	12	19	3	9	27

SMYTHE DIVISION

	P	W	L	T	A	Pts
Chicago	33	20	10	1	16	56
Vancouver	31	11	14	6	10	27
St. Louis	32	10	18	5	10	22
Kansas City	33	10	19	4	7	22
Minnesota	32	11	20	1	7	19

PATRICK DIVISION

	P	W	L	T	A	Pts
Philadelphia	33	22	4	7	14	66
Islanders	33	19	10	4	10	51
Atlanta	34	17	13	3	10	53
NY Rangers	33	14	17	4	10	32
Philadelphia	33	10	19	4	7	22

Next games: Tonight—Pittsburgh at NY Rangers; Philadelphia at Atlanta; Los Angeles at Boston; St. Louis at Chicago; Buffalo at Kansas City.

Stephenson Nears Record As Parent's Replacement

MONTREAL (CP) — Goal-tender Wayne Stephenson of Philadelphia Flyers, who may have expected to spend most of his time on the bench this National Hockey League season, has stepped in for the injured Bernie Parent and developed his own following.

With Parent recovering from pre-season surgery on a pinched nerve in his neck, Stephenson has played all 33 games for Philadelphia, recording a 2.61 goals-against average.

Stephenson has just one shutout compared with six for Parent at this time last year, but his 33 consecutive games is the most for a goalie since Ed Giacomin, then of New York Rangers, played 38 straight games in the 1965-67 season, the last before expansion. The most since then was 32 by Giacomin and Gary Smith of California Golden Seals, both in 1969-70.

Philadelphia's goals-against total of 86 is 17 more than last year, but the team has scored 21 more goals.

The added offence has come from the team's top five scorers. Reggie Leach has 23 compared with 17 this time last year.

Bill Barber is three ahead of last year's pace with 18. Bobby Clarke has 16 compared with 10 last season, and Rick MacLeish is three up with 16. Gary Dornhoefer has 15 against six last year.

While Stephenson kept his consecutive-games streak going, Danny Grant of Detroit Red Wings saw his 566-game mark halted when an injury kept him out of action Saturday. The NHL record for consecutive games is 630 by Andy Hebenton of the Rangers and Boston Bruins. He played nine straight 70-game seasons from 1955-56 through 1963-64.

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USC won its first seven games and then went into a four-game losing streak shortly after McKay confirmed that he would leave USC after 16 years to become head coach of the new Tampa Bay team of the National Football League.

His record at USC was 127-40-8, including national championships in 1962, 1967 and 1972. The Liberty Bowl was the Trojans' ninth bowl appearance under McKay, but their first outside the Rose Bowl.

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Embarrassing Setback

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Raul Ramirez completed a four-set victory over Jimmy Connors, the top-ranked tennis player in the world a year ago, and for the second time in less than a year led Mexico to victory over the United States in Davis Cup competition.

The score was 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. It was an embarrassing setback for the Americans, beaten for the third year in a row by a South American neighbor in preliminary rounds of the best-of-five match series. The Yanks lost to Colombia 4-1 in

1974 and to Mexico last February, with Ramirez, as in the case this year, spearheading a 3-2 victory.

The series was a second-round match of the American Zone and qualified Mexico, which ousted Canada 3-2 in first-round play, to meet South Africa, probably in Mexico City. South Africa was the 1974 champion when India defaulted in the last round because of South Africa's racial policies.

Sweden won the 1975 title over Czechoslovakia last weekend in Stockholm.

Ramirez, who now has scored six points against the

United States in the last two Davis Cup matches, emerged as a national hero.

After he had hit the winning shot of the match, halted by darkness Sunday with Connors leading 3-2 in the fourth set on service, the demonstrative crowd poured out onto the soft red clay courts of the Rafael Osuna Stadium and mobbed the young Mexican ace.

They cheered wildly, threw pillows and programs into the air and carried their celebration into the streets.

Ramirez, who had crushed Brian Gottfried in singles play Friday and then teamed with

Marcelo Lara for a victory over Dick Stockton and Eric van Dillen in doubles, played brilliant, inspired tennis in the final five games.

Mixing speed with occasional slow shots, drop-shooting and lobbing with finesse, he broke the rhythm of Connors' incessant attacking game with a vital service break in the ninth game — the first of the set. A shaken Connors double-faulted at game point.

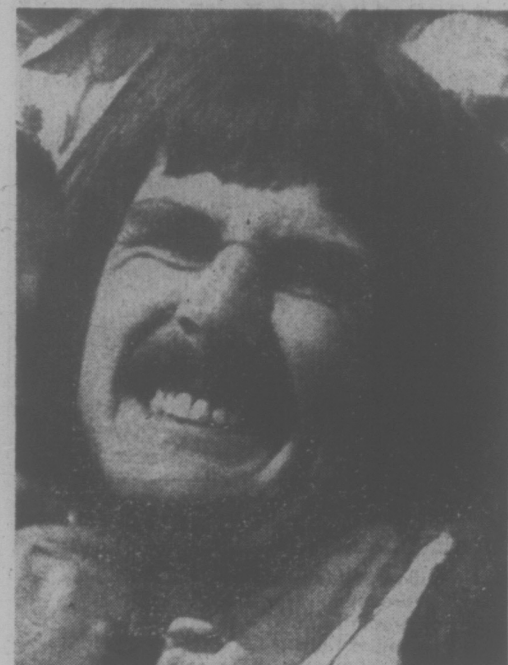
Then, with Connors playing doggedly, he held service in the 10th game for the match, after the score had reached deuce.

Tony Trabert, the new U.S. non-playing captain, had high praise for the Mexican, saying:

"He played well. He mixed up his shots. Serving was by far his best strength. He deliberately outplayed us in the last match. We were at full force and had our best player out there."

"We don't have any excuses. Mexico played well and deserved all the credit."

Both Connors and Gottfried beat the No. 2 Mexican player, Lara. Thus the outcome of the series hinged on Ramirez's individual effort and the doubles match.



SMILE OF VICTORY or grimace of pain? It is difficult to tell as tennis star Raul Ramirez is caught in crush of delighted Mexican fans who mobbed Ramirez after he had defeated Jimmy Connors to give Mexico Davis Cup victory. (AP Wirephoto)

sports

DOUG PEDEN - EDITOR

Lucas' No Different Than Anyone Else'

Danny Lucas may be one of the brightest prospects in the Western Canada Hockey league. But to Victoria Cougar manager-owner Pat Ginnell "he is no different than anyone else."

Ginnell Monday suspended the 17-year-old Cougar winger for jumping the club following Saturday night's 4-3 loss to New Westminster Bruins at Memorial Arena. Without Lucas, Cougars lost to the Bruins 8-3 on Sunday.

Ginnell openly criticized Lucas... "and Gustafson... and McDill" ... after the game. "They had it coming," he said.

As for Lucas, "he hasn't been checking lately or playing as well as I know he can play," Ginnell said.

Regarding the fact that Lucas elected to go to his Powell River home at the insis-

tence of his father, Ken Lucas, Ginnell put it down to fatherly interference and also that "he (Lucas) may be feeling low."

"But, no, I am not going to get in touch with him," he said. "He will have to contact me."

No further action by Ginnell is contemplated until at least Saturday. That's when the players, all of whom have been given the week off so that they can go home for Christmas, must report back to the club. The Cougars meet Kamloops Chiefs at Memorial Arena Saturday night.

In his criticism Ginnell suggested that Lucas might be traded... "if he didn't get moving."

Lucas' father heard the broadcast, called his son, and apparently suggested that perhaps it might be better to come home for a while.

Lucas was reported Monday as having said he "was going to think things over the Christmas holiday."

Ginnell also said that Lucas had to learn to take criticism, just as other members of the team do, and there was no reason to set him apart from any others.

"He seems like a level-headed kid," he said. "But maybe he's easily influenced by his father. If he can't take

criticism, we don't need him."

Lucas has said he might try to upgrade his educational standards in order to qualify for a hockey scholarship which he was offered previously.

Last year, he had 57 goals and 56 assists as a 16-year-old. Switched from right wing to left wing this season, he has 20 goals and 23 assists in 33 games but has only eight points in the last 10 games.

CLARKE WINS MARSH

TORONTO (CP) — Bobby Clarke, captain of the Stanley Cup champion Philadelphia Flyers, is the 1975 winner of The Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's outstanding athlete.

The award, in memory of the late Lou E. Marsh, a former sports editor of the Toronto Star, is presented annually to Canada's top athlete—male or female, professional or amateur.

Clarke, 26, was given the nod over skiers Ken Read of Calgary and Dave Irwin of Thunder Bay, Ont., who produced World Cup gold medals in men's downhill Cup skiing late in the year.

Clarke, from Flin Flon, Man., inspired the Flyers to two straight National Hockey League championships and clinched a victorious season with the league's most valuable player award.

Last week he was voted Canada's male athlete of the year in a poll of sports editors and broadcasters by The Canadian Press.

DEBBIE JOINS SKATING SHOW

Debbie Bray of Victoria will be on route to Essen, Germany, on Christmas Day.

There she will join the Holiday on Ice show for a tour of Europe.

Miss Bray, the Vancouver Island singles champion in 1972 and 1973, auditioned for the show last spring in Seattle.

It was also the first time this year that Theismann got to play quarterback. He went in for Randy Johnson midway through the third quarter.

FRUSTRATED THEISMANN WANTS SHOT AT NO. 1

WASHINGTON (CP) — Joe Theismann, who experienced some frustrating years as quarterback with Toronto Argonauts, has just finished another one with Washington Redskins — with a vow that things are going to be different next year.

Theismann, who says he is in danger of becoming "a professional clipboard carrier," is in the final year of a three-year contract with the National Football League's Redskins and adds "two years of returning punts is enough for me."

As a consequence, his personal bicentennial project is a talk with general manager George Allen.

"I don't think it will be a confrontation," said the former Notre Dame ace following Sunday's 26-3 loss to Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'm frustrated but not bitter. I don't mean to be disruptive, but I want to express my feelings."

The Eagles game was the final contest of the season for the Redskins, who wound up with an 8-6 record and out of the playoffs for the first time in the five years Allen has been here.

It was also the first time this year that Theismann got to play quarterback. He went in for Randy Johnson midway through the third quarter.

Theismann has become a favorite of Redskins fans, mainly for his glib performance at running back kicks — a job seldom foisted upon a fragile quarterback. It was a job Theismann sought out when he couldn't seem to get any playing time at quarterback.

He says he felt "honored" when Allen sent him in response to a chant of "We want Joe" after Johnson had thrown four interceptions.

Joe himself, however, threw three interceptions. Theismann could have been speaking for the entire club when he concluded "it's going to be a rotten Christmas."

Theismann came to the Redskins from Toronto of the Canadian Football League as

back-up to Sonny Jurgenson and Billy Kilmer when it was obvious Jurgenson was getting close to retirement.

However, when Jurgenson stepped out this year the Redskins brought in Johnson and Theismann remained No. 3.

"I want a shot at the No. 1 quarterback job and I'm no longer willing to wait," Theismann said following the Eagles' massacre. "It has been so long since I played quarterback I don't know how to feel."

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RIGGS FOOLS DOUBTERS ON DEATH VALLEY RUN

FURNACE CREEK, Calif. (AP) — Bobby Riggs, the 57-year-old tennis and golf hustler, tried his legs at distance running Monday and with his 2-to-1 handicap in miles beat Australia's Bill Emerton in a Death Valley challenge.

Riggs ran the 25-mile course in eight hours and 10 minutes which was 41 minutes faster than Emerton, who ran the course twice for a total of 50 miles.

Emerton, 56, holder of many distance race records, surpassed his 50-mile mark for a Death Valley run with an 8:51 performance, a 0:09 improvement on his previous best time.

Riggs, who wasn't expected to finish the race, was paid \$1,000 a mile by his sponsors.

Trojans Gift-Wrap Bowl Win for Coach

MEMPHIS (AP) — John McKay wasn't buying the sentimental approach.

No matter that his University of Southern California Trojans presented him with a 20-0 Liberty Bowl victory over Texas A and M Aggies on Monday night in his final appearance as a college coach.

"Winning was the most important part of it," McKay said. "I was tired of hearing about the losing streak."

USC won its first seven games and then went into a four-game losing streak shortly after McKay confirmed that he would leave USC after 16 years to become head coach of the new Tampa Bay team of the National Football League.

His record at USC was 127-40-8, including national championships in 1962, 1967 and 1972. The Liberty Bowl was the Trojans' ninth bowl appearance under McKay, but their first outside the Rose Bowl.

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"It's not only coach McKay's last game, it's the seniors' last game, too, and we wanted to win as much for them as for the coach," said running back Ricky Bell.

Bell, who made his reputation as a runner, did in the game while compiling a 10-1 regular season record and earning a share of the Southwest Conference championship, completed only 34 passes all season.

A and M quarterback Mike Jay was six for 14 against USC for 99 yards and didn't

have time to throw on several passing downs.

The Aggies managed only 247 yards against USC. McKay said the Trojans had heard so much about A and M — which led the nation in total defence and defence against the rush — that they wanted to prove they could also play defence.

USC was determined not to give away anything in the second half. The Trojans threw only three times in the final 30 minutes, relying most-

ly on Bell's running to move the ball.

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CANADIAN DIVISION

	P	W	L	T	A	Pts
Winnipeg	35	23	13	0	12	74
Quebec	36	22	13	1	10	67
Calgary	32	16	14	2	12	54
Edmonton	34	13	19	2	12	42
Toronto	32	19	13	1	9	52

EASTERN DIVISION

	P	W	L	T	A	Pts
Cincinnati	32	15	16	1	10	49
New England	32	13	16	3	8	39
Indianapolis	31	13	16	2	9	32
Cleveland	31	11	18	2	10	24

WESTERN DIVISION

	P	W	L	T	A	Pts
Houston	31	19	12	0	10	58
Minnesota	28	17	11	2	8	54
San Diego	29	13	13	4	10	30
Phoenix	29	12	14	3	8	27
Denver	29	12	14	1	8	25

Next games: Tonight — Minnesota at Denver, Phoenix at Cincinnati, Quebec at San Diego, Toronto at Calgary, Winnipeg at Edmonton.

NEW ENGLAND (4): Tom Webster (17th, 18th and 19th), Don Blackburn (2nd), CLEVELAND (11): Ron Ward (12th). Attendance: 32,611.

SCORING LEADERS

	P	W	L	T	A	Pts
Tardif, Que	32	22	4	7	14	63
Bordreau, Que	31	19	12	0	10	58
Hull, Wpg	30	20	8	2	8	53
Houle, Que	29	24	4	1	10	50
Nelson, Wpg	29	24	4	1	10	50
S. Bernier, Que	29	24	4	1	10	50
Westman, Tor	29	24	4	1	10	50
Clofiter, Que	29	24	4	1	10	50
Webster, Wpg	29	24	4	1	10	50
Tremblay, Que	29	24	4	1	10	50

Grey Cup Champions Voted Team of Year

By The Canadian Press
Edmonton Eskimos won the Grey Cup by a matter of inches but were voted Canada's team of the year in 1975 by a country mile.

The victory earned Eskimos the plaudits of sports writers and sports broadcasters in the annual year-end poll conducted by The Canadian Press for teams of the year.

The Eskimos, ending a string of Grey Cup failures with their victory over Montreal Alouettes in a game played in Calgary, received 42 first-place votes, 17 seconds and 12 thirds for 172 points based on a 3-2-1 vote.

Canada's national women's basketball team, which enjoyed huge success on a European tour before disappoint-

ing at the October Pan-American Games, edged Toronto Marlboros — national junior hockey champions — for second place, 65-62.

The basketball team received nine firsts, 11 seconds and 16 thirds in the voting while the Marlboros had six firsts, 17 seconds and 10 thirds.

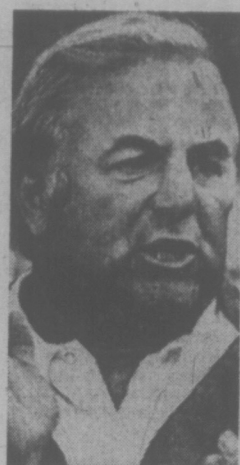
Peterborough's junior lacrosse champions finished fourth in the voting with 23 points after sewing up their fourth successive Canadian title.

They were followed by Thunder Bay Twins, Canadian senior hockey champions, with 20 points; University of Ottawa Gee Gees, Canadian inter-collegiate football titlists, and Montreal Canadiens

of the National Hockey League, with 16 points apiece; the Alouettes and Canada's men's field hockey team, silver medalists at the Pan-Am Games, each with 13 points.

Vancouver Canucks, winners of the NHL's Smythe Division, shared 11th place with the Canadian junior football champion Regina Rams, both with 10 points. Quebec Caribou, who ousted Montreal Quebecois in an all-Canadian National Lacrosse League final, picked up nine points in the balloting.

Canada's Pan-Am track team was next with eight points while the Pan-Am team and Victoria Bate, Canadian men's softball champions, received six points each.



FIRE as head coach of Philadelphia Eagles Monday was head coach Mike McCormack who joined National Football League club three years ago with orders to build winner. He failed, getting only 16 victories in 42 games during three seasons and suffering most in 1975 campaign, when Eagles lost 10 of 14 games.

Tarkenton Owned Record Grid Season

Fran Tarkenton broke four of Johnny Unitas's all-time National Football League records during the 1975 season and tied a fifth, while ageless George Blanda extended the many records he already owns.

And, in a year when the offensive stars of the NFL virtually rewrote the standards, running-backs Terry Metcalf of St. Louis Cardinals, O. J. Simpson of Buffalo Bills and Chuck Foreman of Minnesota Vikings joined the elite.

Also earning a spot among the sport's greats was Washington Redskins' Charley Taylor, whose 635 career receptions are two more than the record which had been held by Don Maynard.

The year belonged more to Minnesota's Tarkenton than any other single player.

In his 15th season, the Vikings quarterback now owns records for career passes attempted: (5225), passes completed (2931), touchdown passes (291), and most seasons with 2000 or more yards passing (14).

All of those records had been held by Unitas. In addition, Tarkenton tied Unitas's record of 15 seasons with 1000 or more yards passing and he moved within 1400 yards of breaking the former Baltimore star's all-time yardage record.

Simpson's 23 touchdowns broke the record of 22 which was held by Gale Sayers of Chicago Bears. And his feat of scoring a touchdown in all 14 games tied a record set by Baltimore's Lenny Moore in 1964.

Foreman, who had 22 touchdowns, set an all-time record for pass receptions by a running back — 73.

And Metcalf had 2462 yards on runs, receptions and kick runbacks, breaking by 20 yards the all-purpose record set last year by Mack Herron, then with New England Patriots and earlier with Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

Blanda, Oakland Raiders' 45-year-old wonder, only added to his records. They included most years played (26), most games played (340), most consecutive games played (224), most points (2002), most extra made and attempted (943 of 959), most field goals made and attempted (335 of 638), and most passes had intercepted (277).

Blanda's Oakland teammate, rookie Neal Colzie, es-

tablished a record for the most yardage on punt returns, 635.

Philadelphia Eagle quarterback Roman Gabriel, suffering through a poor season, set a record he would as soon not have — 96 career fumbles.

Minnesota's veteran defensive end, Jim Marshall, can appreciate people such as Gabriel. He set a record for most fumbles recovered, 26, and his 222 games are the most ever played by a defensive player.



FRAN TARKENTON
... set four records

FINAL STANDINGS

1974 SEASON									
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
Eastern Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Miami	11	3	0	337	216	.786			
Buffalo	9	5	0	244	244	.643			
New Engl.	7	7	0	245	289	.500			
NY Jets	7	7	0	279	300	.500			
Baltimore	2	12	0	195	279	.143			
Central Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Pittsburgh	10	3	1	305	199	.750			
Cincinnati	7	7	0	283	259	.500			
Houston	7	7	0	236	282	.500			
Cleveland	4	10	0	251	324	.286			
Western Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Oakland	12	2	0	355	229	.857			
Denver	7	7	0	302	294	.536			
Kansas City	5	9	0	232	293	.438			
San Diego	4	10	0	212	285	.357			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
Eastern Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
St. Louis	10	4	0	285	218	.714			
Washington	10	4	0	320	195	.714			
Dallas	8	6	0	297	235	.571			
Philadelphia	7	7	0	247	277	.500			
NY Giants	2	12	0	195	299	.143			
Central Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Minnesota	10	4	0	310	195	.714			
Detroit	7	7	0	267	270	.500			
Green Bay	4	8	0	210	304	.429			
Chicago	4	10	0	152	279	.357			
Western Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Los Angeles	10	4	0	303	181	.714			
San Fran.	6	8	0	226	236	.429			
New Orleans	5	9	0	186	285	.357			
Atlanta	3	11	0	111	271	.214			
1975 SEASON									
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
Eastern Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Baltimore	10	4	0	375	269	.857			
Miami	10	4	0	357	222	.714			
Buffalo	10	4	0	340	244	.786			
New Engl.	3	11	0	258	358	.214			
NY Jets	3	11	0	254	433	.214			
Central Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Pittsburgh	12	2	0	373	162	.857			
Cincinnati	11	3	0	340	244	.786			
Houston	10	4	0	372	226	.714			
Cleveland	3	11	0	218	372	.214			
Western Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Oakland	11	4	0	375	255	.786			
Denver	4	8	0	254	307	.429			
Kansas City	5	9	0	282	341	.357			
San Diego	2	12	0	189	345	.143			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
Eastern Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
St. Louis	11	3	0	356	276	.786			
Dallas	10	4	0	350	265	.714			
Washington	8	6	0	325	276	.571			
NY Giants	5	9	0	216	306	.357			
Philadelphia	4	10	0	225	302	.286			
Central Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Minnesota	12	2	0	373	185	.857			
Detroit	7	7	0	267	253	.500			
Green Bay	4	10	0	224	285	.286			
Chicago	4	10	0	191	379	.286			
Western Division									
	W	L	T	F	A	Pct.			
Los Angeles	12	2	0	372	135	.857			
San Fran.	6	8	0	256	286	.429			
San Francisco	5	9	0	240	286	.357			
New Orleans	4	10	0	165	360	.143			

HOCKEY TRAIL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Northern Division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Rochester	27	10	2	118	92	40
Nova Scotia	31	19	0	138	92	40
Providence	23	16	3	145	146	35
Springfield	25	20	3	105	164	20

Southern Division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Hershey	31	16	1	177	171	36
Richmond	30	16	2	115	111	34

ONTARIO MAJOR JUNIOR
Elms Division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	27	23	2	113	138	39
London	32	18	1	160	122	39
Kitchener	28	18	1	160	122	39
St. Catharines	30	16	4	159	200	36
Toronto	25	19	1	149	152	33
Windsor	36	20	3	142	253	17

Lake Division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Sudbury	25	23	2	113	138	39
Oshawa	28	20	1	176	157	41
St. Mary's	34	18	1	191	172	40
Kingston	34	18	1	191	172	40
Ottawa	34	18	1	191	172	40
Peterborough	34	18	1	191	172	40

ONTARIO SENIOR
Lindsay V. Orillia 1.

QUEBEC MAJOR JUNIOR
Chicoutimi 3, Laval 1.

SUNDAY
Providence 9, Springfield 5.
Hershey 4, Richmond 4.
New Haven 4, Rochester 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE
Fort Worth 3, Dallas 4.
Oklahoma City 2, Tulsa 3.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Port Huron 6, Kalamazoo 3.
Dayton 5, Fort Wayne 2.
Flint 3, Saginaw 3.
Toledo 3, Muskegon 4.

B.C. JUNIOR
Langley 9, Maple Ridge 1.

QUEBEC MAJOR JUNIOR
Laval 4, Montreal 3.
Quebec 6, Cornwall 3.
Chicoutimi 6, Shawinigan 5.
Trois-Rivières 6, Sorel 3.

ONTARIO MAJOR JUNIOR
Oshawa 16, St. Mary's 2.
Toronto 4, Ottawa 4.
St. Catharines 10, Windsor 4.

Lifting Record
SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) —
Hristo Plachkov of Bulgaria
bettered his own world record
of 429.89 pounds by snatching
435.40 pounds in the over
242-pound category at a local
weightlifting competition.

Bucks Beat Blues Home and Away

TIMES SPORTS — BUCKS
Victoria Western Homes
Buckaroos recorded their second
straight win over Chemainus
Blues on Monday.

downing the up-island squad
4-2 in a Big Six Hockey league
game at Memorial Arena.

Bucks had beaten the Blues
8-4 Saturday night at Fuller
Lake Arena.

Norm Allen led Victoria
with two goals and singles
were fired by Dwight Crockett
and Bob Nicholson. Nick Nico-
letti and Pete Lemon connect-
ed for Blues.

Petty Tops Money List

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.
(AP) — Richard Petty
finished first in earnings in
the grand national division of
the National Association for
Stock Car Auto Racing with a
record \$378,865 in 1975.

Nine other drivers collected
more than \$100,000 each of the
\$3.5 million in prize money of-
fered. David Pearson was sec-
ond with \$179,207 and Buddy
Baker third at \$169,917.

Others are Dave Marcis,
\$149,202; Benny Parsons,
\$140,449; Cale Yarborough,
\$139,257; Bobby Allison,
\$122,435; James Hylton,
\$101,241 and Darrell Waltrip
\$100,191.

O.C. SOCCER STANDINGS

LONDON (Reuters) — British soccer
standings after Saturday's games:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I

Leeds	12	4	4	34	26	28
West Ham	12	4	4	34	26	28
Man City	12	4	4	34	26	28
Stoke	10	5	7	29	23	23
Everton	10	5	7	29	23	23
Aldersbrough	9	6	7	23	19	19
Leeds	9	6	7	23	19	19
Ashton Villa	9	6	7	23	19	19
Newcastle	8	7	7	27	31	21
Tottenham	8	7	7	27	31	21
Leicester	4	12	6	24	30	20
Norwich	4	12	6	24	30	20
Coventry	6	7	9	23		
Arsenal	6	6	10	27	19	18
Sheff Wed	5	10	11	23	19	18
Burnley	4	7	11	23	15	15
Wolverhampton	4	11	11	23	15	15
Sheff Mon	1	13	16	5	5	5

SCOTTISH LEAGUE				
Premier Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Leeds	11	8	3	30
Man United	12	4	4	34
Derby	12	4	4	34
Queens PR	12	4	4	34
Leeds	12	4	4	34
West Ham	12	4	4	34
Man City	12	4	4	34
Stoke	10	5	7	29
Everton	10	5	7	29
Aldersbrough	9	6	7	23
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Everton	10	5	7	29
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Leeds	9	6	7	23
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Electrical Chemicals Pose Danger

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced a series of steps designed to reduce the discharge of polychlorinated biphenyls — PCBs, chemicals used as insulating

Environmentalists complained Monday, however, that the program does not go far enough. Joe Highland, a member of the environmental defense fund, said the EPA, for example, did not address the problem of PCB levels in drinking water.

PCBS, chemicals used as insulating fluids in electrical transformers and capacitors, have been showing up in the food supply

— particularly in freshwater fish — and EPA administrator Russell Train said Monday they are a "serious threat" to human health.

Lab tests have found PCBs cause reproductive failures, gastric disorders, skin lesions and tumors in mammals.

Train announced a plan, largely dependant on voluntary action by industry, to sharply reduce PCB discharge into waterways.

Train told EPA regional offices to work with states in surveying plant discharge and setting guidelines to "virtually eliminate" PCB from process wastes of all manufacturers of PCBs and transformers using them.

The survey results also will determine if an air emission standard for PCBs should be developed, Train said.

He urged manufacturers to develop environmentally acceptable alternatives to PCBs as soon as possible, and called on utilities and other major users to control disposal of PCBs.

PCBs do not break down in the environment. Train said PCB levels exceeding five parts per million have been found in fish taken from the Great Lakes, the upper Mississippi River, off the southern California coast and the Hudson River.

Picketing Bill Vetoed By Ford

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford has vetoed a bill that would have expanded U.S. construction workers' picketing power — and it could cost him his secretary of labor.

Labor Secretary John Dunlop helped steer the bill through Congress after negotiations between construction unions and the building industry, then strongly urged Ford to sign it.

When Ford's veto came, Dunlop did nothing Monday to dispel reports he would consider resigning in protest.

The veto meant Ford reneged on his promise earlier this year to Dunlop and the AFL-CIO to sign the bill under certain conditions. It also meant the politically potent AFL-CIO would, as promised, "actively work against" Ford in the next election.

The construction industry hailed the veto, but the Associated Builders and Contractors urged Dunlop to stay in his job because "the industry sorely needs his pragmatic approach to its problems."

The veto came after pressure from Republican politicians who warned the president his signature on the bill would cause many conservatives to turn to Republican challenger Ronald Reagan in the 1976 election. Reagan opposed the bill.

The bill would have given labor something it had sought for the past quarter-century, the right to shut down an entire construction site in a dispute with only one subcontractor.

Ford Signs Energy Bill

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — President Ford Monday signed a compromise energy bill, ending a year-long dispute with the U.S. Congress over national energy policy.

The bill, effective Feb. 1, will slightly reduce the price of domestically-produced crude oil, permit regular increases afterward, and end price controls in 40 months. Ford said the legislation did not meet all his goals, but it was a first step in efforts to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil and achieve energy independence.

The president also announced that he had removed a special import fee of \$2 a barrel he imposed on foreign oil earlier this year, and called on Congress to take further action to make the United States self-sufficient in energy.

The legislation calls for a reduction in the average price of crude oil produced in the United States from the present \$8.75 to \$7.66 a barrel, compared to a world market price of between \$10 and \$11 a barrel.

To account for inflation and to give companies more incentive to produce oil, the price will be permitted to rise at an annual rate of up to 10 per cent.

The White House said the rollback may reduce the retail price of gasoline and home heating oil by about one cent a gallon.

But Energy Administrator Frank Zarb said the reduction might be balanced by rising labor and other costs and the benefit probably will not be felt at the pump.

Ford originally called for immediate increases in the price of crude oil, a windfall profits tax on oil companies, and tax rebates for Americans, especially poor families.

Ford said he intended to take advantage of a provision in the energy bill to increase the price of crude oil by 10 per cent a year as an adjustment for inflation and to provide a production incentive.

Under that formula, fuel prices will return by the middle of 1977 to today's level and will be permitted to rise after that.

Airline Ruled Liable

NEW YORK (AP) — This U.S. Court of Appeals ruled Monday that Trans World Airlines is liable for damages to passengers who came under fire from terrorists during an attack in 1973 at the Hellinikon airport in Athens, Greece.

The appellate court upheld a decision by District Judge Charles Brieant in an action brought in behalf of nine passengers who were injured and the heirs of one who died when two Palestinian terrorists threw hand-grenades and fired into a line of passengers preparing to board a flight to New York.

TWA had resisted responsibility for damages on the ground that under the Warsaw Convention, which established conditions under which airlines were liable for injuries to passengers, liability did not pertain while the passengers were in the terminal building.

Judge Irving Kaufman, writing for the full appellate court, rejected that contention, saying that the Warsaw drafters wanted to create a system of liability rules that would encompass all the hazards of air travel.

No Rape Death

BOSTON (UPI) — The Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled that the death penalty cannot be imposed as punishment for murder committed during a rape.

The seven-member court ruled in two separate cases released Monday. Chief Justice Joseph Tauro, who wrote the majority opinions in both, said the death penalty for murder in connection with rape is illegal because it violates the constitutional guarantees of due process and protection from "cruel and unusual punishment."

U.S. Gov't Attacks Ad Ban by Doctors

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. government has accused the medical profession of violating antitrust laws by refusing to let doctors advertise.

The American Medical Association said it would fight the charges and what it said was the federal trade commission's attempt to promote medical "hucksterism."

The FTC issued an antitrust complaint Monday against the AMA, representing about 17,000 doctors, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the New Haven County, Conn., Medical Society.

If the FTC action is

successful, it would have "a substantial effect" on the fees doctors charge for services, commission officials said. Such fees have been escalating in recent years.

"We would hope, at the very least, the public would be made aware of the prices doctors are charging for specific services, the qualifications of doctors, which medical schools they attended, their specialties, the honors they have received ... to provide the public with a basis for seeking out one doctor over another," said Alfred Dougherty, deputy director of the FTC bureau of competition.

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HUGE TUMOR REMOVED, GIRL LIVES

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (UPI) — Two Virginia surgeons say they have successfully performed one of the most complicated tumor operations in the history of medicine.

Drs. Milton Edgerton and William Futrell, both plastic surgeons, announced Monday they had removed a blood vessel tumor that extended through half the body of Barbara Sue Williams, 19, of Clinchport, Va.

Edgerton, a surgeon at the University of Virginia, said he has never seen a patient survive such an operation.

Miss Williams has received 214 pints of blood from 169 persons, mostly university students, since the operation Dec. 2.

The tumor began under Miss Williams' left arm and extended through the front and back sides of her body down to her left leg, which was amputated.

DOCTORS MOVING

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — A medical placement agency indicates more U.S. doctors than ever before are interested in moving their practices abroad to escape the malpractice insurance crisis in the United States.

Option, an agency which finds U.S. physicians to take foreign jobs, said Monday it has been "flooded with inquiries" in recent months.

One week's mail brought as many inquiries as would normally be received in six months, said Steve Conlan, a spokesman for the agency.

"Our ad in this month's Modern Medicine Magazine brought in 230 responses in one week, and from the tone of the letters, I'm convinced physicians are seriously looking outside the U.S.," he said. The inquiries came from all over the United States, but

there were more from California than any other state.

California doctors staged one strike last spring over the rising cost of malpractice insurance, halting all but emergency surgery in the state's

biggest cities for weeks. Groups of physicians in southern California are gearing up for another strike Jan. 1, when insurance premiums are scheduled to rise by from 380 to 480 per cent.

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TOWN TALK

The old Muirhead house at the corner of Esquimalt and Roberts has tumbled under the wrecker's hammer, ending a struggle by the Hallmark Society to save it as a heritage home.

"I suppose it's the one we came closest to saving," society spokesman Terry Reksman said. "We had the champagne on ice, but not uncorked."

The Vancouver owner had co-operated but had set a deadline of Dec. 13. The provincial public works department seemed for it. But a vague estimate of \$30,000 as the cost of moving it, and the election of a new government, killed the 83-year-old house, described as "high Victorian Italianate."

"They looked at what they thought it was going to cost — and packed it in," says Terry. But there are ways to cut costs where there's a will and the society was ready to work hard at it.

"If you decide to save an old house, you can overcome all obstacles. If you waver, any obstacle becomes insurmountable."

Everybody made quite a fuss over Mary Bunbury on Christmas Eve four years ago. The Queen, the prime minister and the premier all sent greetings.

Now Mrs. Bunbury, who lives at Memorial Pavilion, will celebrate her 104th birthday Wednesday. She says she'll settle for a turkey dinner.

Her sight is not so good, her hearing is fading and memories sometimes slip away. She worries about her memory, but then explains it with a smile: "I'm getting on, you know."

She'll probably eat that turkey dinner, there's nothing wrong with her appetite. She insists, for example, her breakfast arrive on time.

A widow for 53 years, her sense of humor is intact too. She's warned her minister that if he continues his annual public tribute to her age, he's going to hurt her chances of nabbing another husband.

Seems there are two schools of thought on the subject of Christmas trees.

One says you shouldn't use the natural growing kind because some day that little tree could mature into a giant of the forest.

The other argument is that it's sensible to use natural Christmas trees because they can and do renew themselves, whereas those glittery artificial trees are using up all kinds of non-renewable resources.

Either way, you pay your money and you take your choice.

Oak Bay police chief John Green is back on his feet and walking his daily regimen after major surgery Dec. 8.

Surgeons did four heart bypasses to correct a condition that caused a heart attack in 1969. Since then John's tall, erect figure has been a familiar sight on Oak Bay streets, putting in miles of footwork therapy.

"You have to learn to walk all over again after a heart attack," he said.

With that background he finds it easy to do the walking required for post-operative recovery.

The chief, a champion lawn bowler, was discharged from hospital Dec. 17 and expects to be back in uniform about February.

Thousands of employees were working for new masters starting on Monday with the change in government — but some still haven't got the word.

At B.C. Hydro, employees were instructed: "If our new boss calls, get his name."

He hasn't been appointed yet, although new Transport Minister Jack Davis will be a director of the board.

Americans may be drinking more and enjoying it less without realizing it. Beverage companies below the border have been quietly reducing the alcoholic content in more than 100 brands of gin, whisky and bourbon . . . and just before Christmas!

They call it a drive towards moderation but privately they admit it is a hidden price increase. They point out that the alcohol decrease is not really hidden because the labels clearly say 50 proof, where before they said 86. This assumes drinkers take time to read before they pour.

In British Columbia, spirits continue to be sold at the equivalent of 86 proof and no change is expected.

This is general all across Canada, except in Manitoba where one distillery has followed the American lead and lowered its alcohol content.

B.C.'s "Little Chief" — Atlin MLA Frank Calder — arrived in Tokyo airport this week, sporting the ceremonial dress of his native Nishga tribe.

His Japanese wife, the former Tamaki Koshibe, also wore the ceremonial costume given her this fall when Calder's tribe bestowed on her the hereditary Indian name of Mikhkum Belis or "Shining Star."

Calder and his wife hoped to be met by a representative of the Canadian Embassy and members of the Tokyo press corp.

Also there were Mrs. Calder's parents, who were meeting their son-in-law for the first time.

The couple was married last February and Tamaki was introduced to the legislature in her traditional Japanese wedding dress.

When you turn sweet 16 it seems only right that you should get your birthday wish.

The problem was that what Mary Phillip, of 4000 Cedarwood, wanted most of all was a snowball fight — and it was raining.

So the birthday party drove out to Sooke and down a logging road until they found a mound of snow, sheltered beneath the trees.

It was a splendid party, we're told.

Nurses in the operating room. Serious people, right? Last week the OR nurses from Royal Jubilee Hospital were on a high-kicking chorus line in an old-style English Music hall show which for three nights played to a full house in the hospital's theatre.

Master of ceremonies was Dan Daly, complete with whiskers and red nose. By day he's security officer at Jubilee.

As producer, he welded a group of about 30 green but keen volunteers from the hospital staff into a two-hour show with 16 acts — singers, dancers, musicians, acrobats and comic. Young baton twirlers from the Victoria Modernettes were an added feature.

At \$2 a ticket, the result was \$500 to be spent on patients who have no family or friends around at Christmas. Next year Daly hopes the show can borrow a downtown theatre and make a lot more for lonely patients.



SUPER CAR WASH was given this 1975 Chevelle which was recovered Monday at site of helicopter pad under construction at foot of Huron in James Bay. The car had been reported stolen from Host Rent-A-Car, 677 Humboldt, over the weekend. Workmen spotted the car in about 15 feet of water 30 feet from the end of the rockfill. It's not known if there were any occupants when the car hit the water. (Derek Sidenius photo)

Park Status Sought For Watershed Land

Thetis Park Nature Sanctuary Association will ask the provincial government to give legal park status to at least 245 acres of watershed property adjoining the city-owned 1,400-acre park.

The land, along with an additional 255 acres, was purchased from a real estate firm by the NDP government with intentions of designating it as parkland, but it never got around before its defeat to

giving the property legal park status.

Harold Matthews and Eric Garman, two past presidents of TPNSA, recalled that the association for years campaigned to have the water shed bought to save the lake from pollution by a proposed housing development.

"This was done and now the land needs legal protection," Matthews said.

He said this was important in view of the city's action in making Thetis Lake a "park reserve."

"We would have preferred dedication of the land as a park instead of park reserve," said Garman. "But the move is a good one."

Jakob de Villiers, city solicitor, said the park is safe as a park reserve.

Three guards suspended following the escape of 10 inmates from Wilkinson Road jail last Tuesday were reinstated in their jobs Monday after an inquiry conducted by Bill Jack, assistant director of corrections for the province.

But Hal McGillivray, director of corrections centres on Vancouver Island, said today

the reinstatement was contingent on Jack's final report on the incident, expected to take at least a week to complete.

The three guards have not been identified. The announcement of their suspension came the day after the jailbreak and was met by a statement from other guards they would not work any overtime until the three were reinstated.

McGillivray said the inquiry, originally scheduled to be held today but put on a day earlier at the request of the union, explored the possibility of negligence on the part of the staff. He added that was the only issue at stake. No inmates testified and staff members who gave evidence had union representatives beside them.

Nine of the 10 inmates have been recaptured. Only Peter George MacLean, 24, remains at large. He's not considered dangerous.

Five of the accused escapees appeared in provincial court this morning.

William Harold Mack pleaded not guilty to escaping and being unlawfully at large and a trial date was set for Jan. 27.

Gerald Paul Ritchie, similarly charged has also pleaded not guilty and elected trial by judge and jury. His preliminary hearing was set for March 22.

Both Kenneth Graham Moorhouse and Larry Alan Preston were remanded a week for counsel and the fifth inmate charged with escape, Lawrence Shister, was expected to appear later today.

Christmas in City For South Koreans

Thirty-six South Korean fishermen will spend an unscheduled year-end holiday in Victoria.

They were long-line fishing in the 165-foot Dong Won 709 about 30 miles off the shore of Vancouver Island and had about 300 tons of black cod in the ship's hold when they ran into trouble.

The heavy seas broke the ship's rudder and stock. Seaspan International Ltd.

11.3% Increase In Pay Awarded Island Teachers

Teachers in the five school districts on southern Vancouver Island have been awarded an 11.3 per cent salary increase for 1976.

The arbitration award will cost the Greater Victoria school district an estimated \$2.7 million more than last year's budget for teachers' salaries of \$25.08 million. A total of 1,462 teachers are involved.

The award is expected to add just under five mills to the school levy, but the exact impact on taxpayers in the area cannot be computed until all government grants are announced sometime in the spring.

Teachers' salary negotiations were turned over to an arbitration board earlier this month after regular negotiations broke down.

The five southern Island districts — Greater Victoria, Saanich, Sooke, Gulf Islands and Cowichan — bargained jointly this year for the first time.

The arbitration board was headed by Vancouver lawyer Kenneth Brawner, with J. A. Sprague as the teachers' appointee on the board and Noel Paget for the trustees.

Under the arbitration award, principals and vice-principals will get less of an increase than they have for past years.

Salaries for the principals and vice-principals are usually set at whatever salary they would get as a teacher, plus an administrative allowance which increases each year by whatever increase is awarded to teachers.

But the arbitration board ruled this year that the administrative allowances would only be increased 5.63 per cent, or half of the teachers' increase.

The arbitration award is believed to be almost the same as the increase in the Consumer Price Index from November of last year to November, 1975.

The locked out union at the Island Hall Hotel in Parksville will set up "extensive" picket lines around the hotel on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, a union spokesman said today.

The 104 employees, members of Local 835 of the Beverage Dispensers and Culinary Workers Union, have been locked out since Dec. 11, but the hotel has been partially open, operating with management staff.

Tony Gerussi, Island representative for the union, said the hotel wants a contract different from other union hotels in the Parksville-Nanaimo area.

An hotel management spokesman said earlier that the Island Hall is a resort hotel with different patterns of business than a regular hotel and has always had a

separate contracts which recognized that status.

Gerussi said the Island Hall may have been a resort 10 or 15 years ago, but the union now considers it a regular commercial hotel.

Average rate at the hotel is \$2.75 an hour. The union is asking for an increase to \$3.43 an hour and the hotel has offered \$2.97 an hour.

LOCAL SHIP MOVEMENTS

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Camsell, Quadra, Ready and Douglas in port; Racer in Bute Patrol area, Rider at Kitisano, Vancouver on Station Papa.

Cain said he had set his future goals. He wanted a good education and take a commercial art course when he finishes his penitentiary term.

For numerous counts of breaking and entering and theft, he got a one-year sentence in 1971, 18 months in 1972 and two concurrent sentences of two years less a day in 1974.

He escaped from William Head prison March 22 and between then and July 17 committed 13 crimes. He pleaded guilty Nov. 17 and was sentenced Monday.

The 13 counts of the single indictment included four armed robberies, three escapes from custody and one each of being unlawfully at large, car theft, criminal negligence in the operation of a car, being unlawfully in a dwelling house, unlawful confinement of a woman and possession of a restricted weapon.

The heaviest sentences were for unlawfully confining Diana Smith in her apartment at 1116 Leonard April 8 — five years — and the armed robbery, for which he got four-year concurrent terms.

Court officials and counsel were unsure today of the net effect of Monday's sentences but it appeared to be between seven and nine years.

'Cookie Bandits' Go for Gobblers

Thieves got away cold turkey in a break-in at Vic West Bakery, 418 Craigflower, Monday night and owner Gary Small moaned this morning it was a foul deed to be sure.

He's used to break-ins at his shop — he gets on the average eight a year — but most are just "cookie bandits."

"All they get is crumbs."

So when police called him at 11:30 p.m. to say they found the back door of the shop open, he wasn't that concerned. He asked the officer to make sure the door was shut tight . . . and then went back to sleep.

But this morning when he arrived at work it suddenly occurred to him he had left two 20-pound turkeys in his freezer. Sure enough, they were gone.

37½ Years in Prison Terms Thanks to Heroin Addiction

By ROGER STONEBANKS

Heroin addiction led Daniel Bradley Cain into a life of crime which has seen him punished with sentences totalling 37½ years in less than five years.

"He attributes a great part of his criminal problem to heroin," defence counsel Mike Hutchison told Judge Montague Drake in county court Monday.

"He was introduced to heroin by his older brother."

Cain is only 20 years old. He has been a heroin addict since he was 15.

His heroin addiction cost him \$250 to \$300 a day. Even in some jails, he was able to get heroin.

Hutchison read some of Cain's own words to the court.

"I know my heroin problem is something to do with my family background. . . I don't want to get into it again. But what would I do if it was in front of me? I don't know."

And, at another point, Cain said: "I'm glad it's all over. I've fled and stole and gotten involved in drugs and haven't known why. It finally came to me. . . I didn't know how to handle problems. . . I couldn't get along with family and friends. . . I got deeper and deeper into trouble and drugs."

"I am sorry for the grief I have



CAIN

Welch Medical Report

The classical test of whether or not you are "in shape," which is also the cartoonists' favorite subject for high comedy with the over-weight and under-exercised, is contained in the venerable challenge: Can you lean over from the standing position and touch your toes without bending your knees?

Just how this formidable manoeuvre, which is really nothing more than a test of the flexibility and tightness of

the hamstring muscles (those that run down the back of the legs from the rump bone to below the knee), became a blanket measure of physical fitness classes in general.

It is nevertheless not only popularly considered to be such; it is a usual part of most school physical training programs, regimens for athletic teams and physical fitness classes in general.

However, toe touching from the upright position, when im-

properly performed, is potentially harmful exercise for anyone and a specific source of trouble for those who have unsuspected developmental abnormalities of the back.

At least, that is the opinion of many experts in body mechanics, and there is strong sentiment that it should be eliminated from physical fitness programs.

Dr. J. L. Boyer of San Diego, Calif., in response to an inquiry as to the advisability of the toe-touching exercise undertaken from the standing position, states that for the otherwise normal subject it is not harmful if it is done slowly and smoothly without "bouncing" on the way down, thus preventing sudden stretching of the tendons.

He adds that any type of tendon-stretching exercise should be done very slowly and should avoid the tendency to bounce down in abrupt increments, which can injure a taut tendon or ligament.

Dr. Allan J. Ryan of the University of Wisconsin goes a step further and would eliminate stand-up toe-touching entirely because of the inability to participate in any group of persons who may have a potential weakness of the spine.

This could only be certainly identified by x-rays of the lower spine — clearly not possible for everybody who wants to participate in physical fitness programs.

Since symptoms from developmental abnormalities of the spinal column frequently do not appear until early adult life, and since large-scale screening x-rays are not feasible, the obvious solution is to eliminate such potentially harmful back bending, which in any event does nothing to improve either strength or flexibility.

If it is considered necessary to stretch the hamstring muscles, in Dr. Ryan's opinion, it is better done from the sitting position with a forward reach for the toes.

Such advice is hard on the cartoonists and perhaps a jolt to the traditionally minded, but leaning over from the standing position and touching your toes proves nothing of importance and might do you back more harm than good.

THESE OUTHUSES GREAT FOR DOGS

BATSTO, N.J. (UPI) — The outhouses at historic Batsto village aren't what they seem. And even if they were, they're

more suitable for dogs than humans.

A Batsto citizens' committee found it necessary to issue a warning to tourists against using the outhouses at the restored early American village in southern New Jersey during the 1976 bicentennial.

The committee said the outhouses located behind several restored cottages are "realistic but they are not for real."

In fact, the committee let out the secret that the outhouses are really used to hide a modern touch that would otherwise ruin the 19th-century appearance of the village.

"They are actually covers for fireplugs which were recently installed as a fire protection measure," the committee said.

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BLINDNESS IS NO BAR to happiness when you're eight years old and sitting on Santa's knee clutching a new doll. Sari Deutscher enjoys a little Yuletide magic at the Christmas party of the Blind Association in New York. Santa, Irving Selis, the group's executive director is also sightless.

...A SOCIAL STIGMA, TOO

NEW YORK (NYT) — Warning: Cigarette smoking is hazardous to your social standing.

Today, more than a decade after the U.S. Surgeon General branded smoking as unhealthy, smoking is finally becoming unfashionable in some circles, unconscionable in others.

Despite a rise in per capita cigarette consumption and a nation of 52 million smokers, some hostesses now equate ashtrays with spitballs when it comes to coffee table chic.

The message — often unspoken but instantly sensed by the guest who blithely flicks his Bic only to find no place to flick his ashes — "Yes, I mind if you smoke."

"I have some dear friends I booze with once a week," a forthright woman was saying the other night. "I am forced to go and get the ashtray from their kitchen closet and I resent that."

Other smokers spoke darkly of parties where they listened for hours to bores. ("We had to share the only ashtray"), of dinners where cigarettes were grudgingly passed and found to be stale ("they'd been there since the last time I came") of once-cloudy business meetings in which they discovered themselves the lone hold-out. "You begin to feel self-conscious after you

have filled the ashtray with two or three butts."

All this delights the anti-smoking groups. As they see it, a self-conscious smoker may eventually become a self-motivated quitter.

Indeed, when the Third World Conference on Smoking and Health met here last June it recommended, among other things, that "programs aimed at creating a social environment in which smoking is unacceptable be developed and implemented."

"Social pressure against smoking, seems to be a new trend. We're watching it closely here," said Beverly Schwartz, a spokesman for the National Interagency Council on Smoking and Health, a coalition of 33 governmental and private groups ranging from the U.S. Public Health Service to the American Cancer Society.

Smoking can hardly be called socially taboo, though. Not when Nancy Kissinger, wife of the Secretary of State, is televised at a recent reception for Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat wearing an elegant one-shouldered dress and dragging on a cigarette.

Still, more and more fashionable people seem to be quitting or thinking of quitting these days. What motivates them, they say, are not only the health hazards and the social pressures but also, to a lesser extent, the "clear air" campaigns of anti-smoking forces whose professed aim is to protect the rights of the two-thirds of the population that doesn't smoke.

While medical authorities have long warned about the possible dangers to non-smokers from the "second-hand smoke" of others it was only in 1972 that the Surgeon General chilled smokers and non-smokers alike with the statement: "An atmosphere contaminated with tobacco smoke can contribute to the discomfort of many individuals. It exerts complex pharmacologic, irritative and allergic effects."

She is constantly telling me the most vicious things about our relatives, friends and neighbors. She even tells tales about people I don't know. Some of it's true, and some

The Children Really Want to Believe...

By RICHARD FLASTE

NEW YORK (NYT) — A couple of years ago Joan Goldman Levine, a children's book author, was approached by a 7-year-old named Christine who whispered to her that she's just found out there was no Santa Claus.

It was a difficult thing for Christine to learn and she had tears in her eyes.

Mrs. Levine went on to write a book for 7-to-9-year-olds — published recently as "The Santa Claus Mystery" with illustrations by Gail Owens (E. P. Dutton & Co., \$5.95) — in which to two best friends, through some youthful scheming, also come to understand that Santa, the man, does not exist, although the myth remains important to them and their families.

When Mrs. Levine read that story to her 4-year-old, Jessica, she got a reaction that she didn't expect. Jessica wanted to believe that Santa was a real man.

"Your story isn't true, is it, mommy?" Jessica asked.

And Mrs. Levine who, although Jewish, views Santa as being as much an American story as a strictly Christian one, answered, "No, my story isn't true." She let Jessica keep her Santa Claus.

That, according to some who study fantasies and child development, was probably the wise thing to do.

There are problems for parents in this area, of course. Santa is part of a range of commercialism that may be distasteful. Telling a child that there is a Santa may feel like a lie when one wants to be as genuine as possible.

In fact the Centre for New Ways in Early Childhood Education, a psychological research and consulting group in Clayton, Mo., has issued a statement warning parents that "what we're really teaching young children is that it's all right to tell a lie now and then." And the group advises parents to ask themselves whether the fun is worth "the lie."

In any case, one knows that the time will come when the child will learn there is no Santa and that may make him angry or sad.

Eugene Entres, a 10-year-old shopping in Gimbel's department store the other day, said that it did make him mad the day he realized "those reindeer can't float in the air — I didn't think I'd get any more presents."

But he did. And now he's over the shock. Nevertheless that awareness when he was 6 meant that he'd left behind a period in his development marked by what psychologists call "magical thinking."

"It's a delightful period, and we'd love to go back to it," said Dr. Mary Ann Fulaski, a child psychologist with the Herriks school system on Long Island.

"It's so egocentric," she said, "A time when a child sees the ball rolling toward him and thinks it's doing it because it knows he's waiting. And Santa coming down the chimney is 'Santa coming only for me, with one big present' — never mind the rest of the world."

She thinks the myth is good and should be made as rich as possible with songs and stories.

Dr. Bruno Bettelheim, the psychiatrist who analyzes fairy tales in the New Yorker of Dec. 8 — and sees merit in

the scariness in them nevertheless likes the pleasantness of the Santa myth.

But he thinks parents have to "do some thinking about it to make it meaningful."

"The commercialization of the myth is entirely undesirable," he said the other day. "The purpose is not to get people to spend a lot of money."

What the myth provides is a chance for young children to feel that this is "their holiday, and not another time when they have to be beholden to their parents."

Bettelheim said parents can get into the right spirit by realizing, what the myth means — "It is a celebration of rebirth, rejuvenation, a celebration of children." The gifts that come from the North Pole come down through the chimney into the hearth, the symbol for warmth in the family.

He said it denigrates the myth to tell a child that Santa is "only pretend."

"If he knows the difference between fantasy and reality," Bettelheim said, "then he knows it's a myth. If he doesn't, there's no point in telling him."

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DEAR MRS. READY: Tell him to please cut out the shoptalk and that your primary concern is transforming him into a loving husband.

DEAR ABBY: I am a married woman with two children, but I have a problem I can't handle. It's my husband's mother. She's a very kind-hearted woman and I love her dearly, but she is a terrible gossip.

Some of it's true, and some

isn't, but she always has a nasty story about somebody's private business.

I just sit quietly and occasionally say, "Oh, really?" Or, "You don't say!"

I would rather not hear all this gossip, Abby. It makes me feel so dirty and depressed, but I was reared to respect my elders, so what do you suggest?

HATES GOSSIP
DEAR HATES: I suggest that you tell her respectfully but firmly that you aren't interested in other people's business. Your failure to speak up may have given her the idea that you appreciate it.

DEAR ABBY: Is it proper for a young woman to help pay for her own engagement ring?

My fiancé is working and going to college, and I am employed full-time. As you know, money is tight these days, and everything is very expensive.

When my fiancé and I went to pick out the ring, everything I saw that I really liked was about twice what he could afford to spend, so I suggested that we go 50-50 on the cost. He said he wasn't crazy about the idea, but if it would make me happy, he would go along with it.

I would appreciate your opinion.

FIFTY-FIFTY

DEAR FIFTY: It's customary for the groom to buy the engagement ring. It's also customary for the bride to settle for what the groom can afford. But if you two want to go 50-50, it's 100 per cent okay with me.

DEAR ABBY: I am a middle-aged, unattached, gentleman who enjoys being well-dressed and well-groomed. I am well-educated and have good manners. I am fully employed in a position that pays a modest salary.

For the last year, I have been the constant escort of a well-to-do widow who is somewhat older than I am. She foots the bills for dining out and attending the theater, symphony, concerts and opera, which we both love. (I could never afford it.)

The talk around town — that she is "keeping" me — is totally untrue. She has never given me one penny or paid any of my bills.

Would you call me a "gigo-lo?" And do you see anything wrong with this arrangement? There is no romantic involvement. — TALKED ABOUT

DEAR TALKED: A "gigo-lo" is a man who is supported by a woman. You're not. I see nothing wrong with the arrangement. In fact, I think it's a good one for both of you, and as such, I'd tune out the talk.

DEAR ABBY: To the woman who calls herself OLD FOOL: There are countless numbers of people doing the same thing. You had the courage to write. Bless you! — BEEN THERE

DEAR ABBY: While a young couple was visiting us the other evening, my wife pulled out her breast and nursed our 6-week-old son in front of our guests. It bothered me, and I told her so after they went home.

My wife asked the wife of the other couple if it was okay for her to nurse the baby in front of her husband, but she didn't ask if it was okay with me. If she had, I would have told her it wasn't okay and should seek the privacy of the bedroom.

My wife thinks I am ridiculous and old-fashioned. What do you think? — EMBARRASSED

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Your wife should have asked you and respected your wishes.

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Nowadays, High Style Seems to Unmake the Man

By RICHARD SEVERO
NEW YORK (NYT) — My sin is that I am 42 years old, weigh 165 pounds, stand 5 feet 9 inches short and that I do not wish to look like Thomas Jefferson, or Hurl Hatfield when he played "Dorian Gray," or even Johnny Carson.

But wherever I go and almost every place I try to shop for clothes, all I see are men succumbing to the sham of high fashion, the servitude of feeling that they are out-casts unless they wear Minnie Mouse shoes, shirts that are obscenities unless you have a build like O. J. Simpson, jackets that transform the ordinary man into a 1943 Ulica gangster and color patterns

that might be more properly confined to the interiors of a Tegucigalpa cat house.

May I emphasize that I have absolutely no objection to men wearing high heels and carrying handbags or looking like Thomas Jefferson. All I am saying is that there ought to be more of a choice for those of us who felt more at home in those halcyon days when men's lapels waxed and waned micrometrically.

Clothes do not make the man. They are his undoing. Women — even plain women — may find some advantage if the hemline goes up or the neckline comes down. But pity the man who lives in a time where he is being asked

to purchase clothes that do nothing but tell the world that here is another imperfect human body.

My superiors have criticized me of late for my apparent lack of fashion and so I have been shopping about for a new wardrobe. The very least I can do is report on my progress in the last two weeks.

I went by Lorry's the other day where a sign advised that "leisure suits are in" and there I saw a panoply of patch pockets, straps, buckles and epaulettes; the stuff that Jungle Jim was made of.

They also had a shirt called "Piccolo" that had branches of pink, brown and blue all over it, a style I had previous-

family

ly associated with some of the gentlemen who frequent the Times Square area for one reason or another.

Lorry also offered a sports jacket with cowboy boot stitching on the pockets and lapels and if I ever meet Gene Autry, I'll be able to tell him where to go.

London Character had no

character, selling high-heel loafers for \$39, and Bally of Switzerland was featuring more high heels and loafers with obtrusive buckles. I did not see a pair of simple loafers, however. At \$69 a pair, loafers deserve to be simple.

I continued looking. Bib-like ties were to be found at Paul

Stuart and Bloomingdale's men's shop, both of which once knew happier days, and both offered jackets with tucked-in waists designed to make me look a hundred pounds heavier than I really am.

I find that my waist is not where the jackets' waists are and I have concluded that if you are 6 feet tall and skinny, those tucked-in jackets will make you look like the son of Walter Pidgeon, but if you are shorter and fighting to stay trim, you will look like Richard Castellano's uncle.

I shall not mention Rogers Peet, which for some inexplicable reason is pushing pink

shirts. Pink shirts with pink and black ties were ugly in 1954 and they are ugly now. Instead, let me take you to the Custom Shop on Fifth Avenue, where shirts are advertised as having the "new French cut" with "higher armhole, tapered sleeves, fitted chest, fitted waist—Very Virile."

I do not wish my armholes to be any higher. I like them where they are and it would seem that my chances for massive corporeal redistribution in order to conform to the new order are slight.

My critics may be pleased to learn that I finally ordered a tweed jacket from Brooks

Brothers but even there, ominous things are happening.

On the third floor, Brooks is selling a blazer with the Brooks Brothers emblem (a lamb hoisted in a huge bandage) on the buttons. This is a tacky development, rivaled only by Countess Mara ties and those tennis shirts with little alligators on them.

And what is Brooks doing to our youth? They have a sign advising that "for crisp weekends, the Brooksgate man will find the trimming lines of these wool sports jackets pleasing to his taste."

Those tucked-in jackets again. If the disease ever spreads to the store's third floor, I've really had it.

For the Dog With Everything —Mink-Lined Velvet Pyjamas

TORONTO (CP) — Velvet pyjamas trimmed with mink are one Toronto boutique's answer to the question of what to give the dog who has everything.

The boutique also offers its clientele specially designed raincoats, umbrellas, booties, sunglasses and rhinestone-studded 14-carat gold collars and leashes.

After all, nothing is too good for the pet that costs you \$39 a year in health insurance, \$25 for a tint and manure and more than \$135 to bury?

It's all part of the "much higher life-style" Toronto's 170,000 dogs, 130,000 cats and 70,000 other pets are enjoying lately.

Wally Stonehouse, a Toronto veterinarian, said the pet's standard of living is improving by leaps and bounds as "society and the city become colder and colder."

"Our pets give us love with no strings attached," he said, "and in some cases they become substitutes for children."

An increasing number of entrepreneurs are thriving as owners grow more attached to

their pets and want to give them the best life can offer.

One Toronto dog-grooming expert offers his clients chauffeur-driven limousine service to the salon — in a yellow 1973 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham.

Gary Cooksey, the hair-stylist, said he gets requests from customers to have their dog's toenails painted purple or dye the pet pink, blue or green — for \$25 a visit.

To ensure that their pets don't become more than fashionably thin, Canadians spend more on cat and dog

food than on baby food, an estimated \$100 million a year.

Some finicky eaters won't settle for the ordinary tinned stuff.

"You just wouldn't believe what we have to feed some of the dogs and cats here," said Jamie Parker of Parker Boarding Kennels in Toronto.

"One guy brought in \$45 worth of sirloin steak for his dog, and another time I had to get \$34 worth of crab meat for a cat."

"Chicken livers, beef hearts, fresh shrimp, barbecued chickens — I don't know where it's all going to end."

Just in case the pets don't stay healthy on such diets, two Toronto boroughs offer a "peticare" plan. By 1975, Metropolitan Toronto pet-owners will be able to pay \$39 a year to cover as much as \$700 in medical expenses for their pets.

And even when Fido succumbs to the rigors of old age — at an average age of 12 compared with eight 20 years ago — there is no need for the loving treatment to end.

He can be buried in a saute-lined coffin — made from 3/4-inch fibreboard and equipped with flip, side or hinged lids — for \$60 and up. Cats receive similar treatment for \$25.

"I figured there would be a demand for this service," said Gloria Bonello of Toronto, who makes the coffins in partnership with her father Hughie and son Jim.

"Some people want to bury their pets with dignity." Dignity doesn't end at the coffin for Toronto's pets — \$75 buys a plot, marker and perpetual care of the grave at the Skyhills Pet Cemetery, about 32 miles north of the city.

Since 1949, more than 4,000 dogs, cats, canaries, skunks, snakes and others have found final resting places there.

Or, for those who don't want to be separated from their pets, there's Animal Cremation Services of Toronto, which charges \$55 or more to perform the task and then return the ashes in a plastic container which can be kept in the home.

Beer With Feminine Touch

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP) —

It's no wonder Michelle Dionne is bubbling with enthusiasm about going to university in Belgium — the training might help her become Canada's first female brewmaster.

The 21-year-old is enrolled in the brewing course at the University of Louvain and is the first Canadian woman to be accepted for the course.

A laboratory science graduate from the local campus of St. Lawrence College, Miss Dionne expects to graduate from the brewing course next May.

The Louvain course, as well as covering brewing, fermenting and malting, delves into such things as microbiology, biochemistry, thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, economics and electricity.

Miss Dionne said she is not too concerned about the difficulty of the course, except perhaps the electricity section, because some of the subjects were covered at St. Lawrence College.

Fluently bilingual, she said she expects to have no language problem at the French-speaking university.

The Louvain campus, 25 miles from Brussels, is a small town in itself, complete with railway station, shops and restaurants and has about 5,000 students and staff.

Miss Dionne said she will look for a job in the brewing industry — probably in Montreal — when she returns.

She shied away from the term "brewmistress" as being facetious, for the time being anyway.

"I suppose it is a difficult career for any student to consider," she said with a grin. Jack Butt of St. Lawrence's Brockville campus, saw Miss Dionne's admission to Louvain as significant.

"Normally, to qualify for this advanced brewing course, a student should have completed a degree program in chemistry or agricultural science at a university," he said.



STRANGE lullaby at St. Luke's Hospital in Racine, Wis., lulls babies to sleep with a sound that seems to please them but rattles the nerves of their nurses. The nightly tune is a soft, whooshing sound, a recording of a pulse similar to the one the babies heard in the womb before birth. By calming the infants, the system helps them gain weight faster because they don't use up calories crying. The record player in the nursery has proved especially effective in calming premature babies.

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THE FIRST COMPUTER DATES BACK TO 1822

LONDON (CP) — Some young computer wizards may assume that their specialty is too modern to be encumbered by any Victorian taboo about women in the professions. Yet the first digital computer was devised by an eccentric mathematical genius in 1822 who had help from a woman.

The expert was an eccentric, noise-hating mathematician named Charles Babbage who came up with the idea while he was studying at Cambridge.

Babbage's original difference engine was designed to work out mathematical tables for practical use in navigation, trigonometry and compound interest tables. While he was negotiating for a government subsidy he devised the analytical engine which was the true forerunner of the modern computer.

"Not many people then understood its value and potential usefulness, but there was one notable exception — Ada Byron, the only legitimate offspring of Lord Byron, one of England's greatest poets."

"Young as she was, Miss Byron understood its working

and saw the great beauty of the invention," wrote one contemporary.

Ada Byron, or Lady Lovelace as she had become by this time, not only understood how Babbage's great invention was to mechanize and speed up brainwork in calculations, but she was able to expound his theory more clearly than he could himself. And she could explain in terms which non-mathematicians could grasp how to schedule instructions for the Analytical Engine to work on — such as "It weaves algebraic patterns just as the Jacquard-loom weaves flowers and leaves."

While Charles Babbage continued to wrestle with problems of design, construction and finance, the Swiss mathematician Menabrea committed to paper the first description of the famous calculating machine — a treatise which Lady Lovelace translated into English.

It was in the orbit of her intellectual science-orientated mother that the formidable Miss Milbarke grew up.

Her father had asked that "Ada, sole daughter of my

house and heart" should be taught Italian and music. But by the age of 15 she was already following in her mother's footsteps in showing marked mathematical talent and had taught herself part of Paisley's Geometry.

Ada found Augustus de Morgan, professor of mathematics at London's newly founded University College, as her tutor. It was he who later described her mathematical turn as a talent of unusual distinction and said that her aptitude for grasping the strong points and the real difficulties of first principles would have enabled her to become not only an original mathematical investigator but perhaps one of first-rate eminence.

Ada Byron herself had described her enchantment with mathematics as a "passion," but it is also possible that she found almost a father figure in Charles Babbage. Her marriage to William, Lord King — who three years afterwards became the first Earl of Lovelace — had already indicated that a girl who grows up without a father tends to prefer older men.

The woman Babbage had called his "dear and much admired interpreter" had understood the toll which years devoted to abstract thought had taken of him. If she scolded him for being "a little harum-scarum and inaccurate now and then about the exact order and arrangements of sheets, papers and paragraphs..." she combined "delicacies of the most refined female character" with the qualities of solid mental grasp and firmness which enabled her to act for him.

Lifeline Saves Drinkers' Jobs

TORONTO (CP) — Lloyd Fell says drinking on the job is becoming so prevalent that it will be "an uncontrollable monster" in 10 years.

But Fell, staff representative of the United Steelworkers of America and a former problem drinker himself, feels something positive can be done.

"He's a director of Lifeline — an operation sponsored jointly by the steelworkers' union in Toronto and 129 firms with which the union has collective agreements and which is working to rescue the alcoholic before he loses his job and destroys his future."

Lifeline is the only program in which a union and almost all the employers with which it has agreements are working together to deal with problem drinkers.

It has rehabilitated 98 per-

sons since it started last January and failed four times.

Fell said one problem is protection of the drinker by the steward or foreman.

"The drinking employee often shares his jug with the plant guard, foreman or union steward and is not likely to take seriously the threat that he may lose his job," he said.

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HICKSVILLE, N.Y. (UPI) — Santa Michael Claus is 28 years old and is a switchman for the New York Telephone Co.

With a name like that, it's understandable that some people just don't believe him at Christmas time.

"I know it's just before Christmas but I'm going to issue a summons anyway," a traffic cop apologized recently.

"I still get a kick out of seeing the look on people's faces when I meet someone new," Claus said. "My wife Joyce still gets a kick out of going to stores and having people question it."

"It happens only occasionally now. We seldom use a charge card," he said. "But when we were first married, it really was a lot of fun because it was exciting."

Santa recalled his first

morning in boot camp when the officer got to "Claus, Santa," and said, "Look, fella, I'll only ask you once. Is this on the level?" But that was the last time the officer remarked about it.

There was the occasional difficulty with dubious telephone operators when he made long-distance calls home before Christmas.

Now, in suburban Hicksville, where the Clauses live

with their daughters, Danielle, 3½, and four-month-old Heather, Claus says, "I really don't have any problem any more."

Everyone at the post office knows him. His mail almost never goes astray. And, he says, his friends and co-workers almost never kid him or make "a big thing" of the name.

Recently, little Danielle

looked a department store Santa in the eye and said, "My Daddy's name is Santa Claus, too."

"I've taken her to see Santa before," said Claus. "But this was the first time she realized my name is the same."

"She understands the difference," he said. "I'm Daddy Santa and he's the Santa from whom she gets presents."

people

Last Manson Follower Now in Jail

SACRAMENTO — The last of Charles Manson's original band has been indicted and jailed with another woman on charges of conspiring to mail 171 threatening letters to business and government leaders.

The indictment was issued Monday against Sandra Good, 31, former room-mate of Lynette Fromme, convicted of trying to assassinate President Ford and sentenced to life imprisonment. Susan Murphy, 28, a former nurse, was indicted on the same charge, and Fromme was named as an undicted co-conspirator.

LONDON — David Frost was fined \$40 Monday for refusing to take a breath analysis test when he was sober. Frost's lawyer told a magistrate's court that Frost refused to submit to the test when police stopped his car. He said he wanted to know his legal rights and have his lawyer present. Frost was then arrested and later gave a urine sample showing a blood alcohol level well under the legal limit.

LIBBY, Mont. — A United States marine corps deserter convicted in the Fourth of July shooting death of a Colorado man was sentenced Monday to a maximum term of 100 years in the Montana state prison. Robert Keller pronounced the sentence on Gary Buckley, 27, a former Libby resident. Buckley's defence had been based on the contention that the shooting was justifiable use of force.

MONTREAL — Normand Dubois, one of nine brothers named in testimony before the Quebec police commission inquiry into organized crime, was sent to trial Monday on charge of assaulting a police officer. Det. Sgt. Claude Godbout of the Montreal Urban Community police testified Dubois hit him "about three times across the shoulders" after he stopped Dubois's car following an incident at a bar in suburban Veedun.

LAS VEGAS — Orchestra leader Doc Severinsen whose dazzling wardrobe makes him the butt of Johnny Carson's jokes on the Tonight Show, doesn't let a little thing like a broken ankle get in the way of his reputation for sartorial

A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE IN...

MIAMI — Robert Whitman is probably very sorry he ever threw a snowball in Miami. Whitman, 20, was on hand earlier this month when a local shopping centre poured 30 tons of crushed ice into a parking lot for a snowball throw holiday promotion. His snowball struck policeman Frank Bond in the face. Police, who allegedly overheard Whitman say he was "going to nail that cop" before the incident, charged him with aggravated assault and aggravated battery. The charges carry maximum prison sentences of 20 years each.

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splendor. He had "some crazy outfits" modified to fit over the cast, a set of rhinestone encrusted crutches was found, and the show went on.

FURNACE CREEK, Calif. — Bobby Riggs always said he was the greatest hustler in the world — and now Australian marathon runner Bill Emmerton believes him. Riggs, 57, ran 25 miles in eight hours 10 minutes to beat Emmerton in a challenge run from Furnace Creek to Bad Water, lowest point in the United States. Under the rules, the Australian had to run twice as far. Emmerton, 35, holds the record for the Death Valley run and had been a 7.5 choice by odds-maker Jimmy (The Greek) Snyder to win.

LONDON — A horse and rider both lurching drunkenly through London's Hyde Park until the rider fell off and was arrested for being drunk while in charge of his animal. Robert Mounsey said he decided to take a ride on the horse after drinking too much at a Christmas Party. He told a magistrate's court Monday that the horse had also been given beer and whisky. He was fined \$10. The horse wasn't charged.

HOLLYWOOD — Richard Zanuck and David Brown, two of Hollywood's most successful producers, were named Monday to produce the U.S. movie industry's tribute to itself, the Academy Awards to be televised March 29.

U.S. N-Test
WASHINGTON (Reuter) — The United States conducted an underground nuclear test Saturday with a yield of between 20 and 200 kilotons at the Nevada test site.



Sandra

CHER PREGNANT, SHOW GOES ON

HOLLYWOOD — Cher is pregnant, her agent announced Monday.

Richard Grant said the singer, who is married to rock musician Greg Allman, is expecting a baby in late spring.

He said the pregnancy will not interfere with Cher's plans for a television series with her former husband and singing partner, Sonny Bono.

The series is an apparent attempt to regain the popularity the couple enjoyed before they were divorced in June. Cher's roller-coaster marriage to Allman appears to be reconciled after a spate of divorce suits and countersuits.

"A happy coincidence led to the reconciliation," Allman said after meeting Cher in Buffalo, N.Y., on his 28th birthday last Wednesday.

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VATICAN CITY (UPI) — On Christmas Eve, Pope Paul VI will end the 1975 Holy Year by sealing the bronze gates of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. They will remain closed until the year 2,000.

The ceremony Wednesday night closes out the year-long jubilee that one official said was "a bigger success than anyone, including the Holy Father, hoped or expected."

More than eight million pilgrims came to Vatican City, about triple the 2.6 million record of 1950.

The Pope said Monday the holy year was "an eloquent sign of the seriousness with which our invitation to seek renewal and reconciliation has been taken up."

The Pope will seal the Holy Door — it will actually be bricked up later by workmen — then go to St. Peter's Square to celebrate the first outdoor Christmas Eve Papal mass in modern memory.

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Permanent Curb Looming

OTTAWA (CP) — The Economic Council of Canada warned Monday that even if the government's anti-inflation program works in the short run, some kind of permanent controls may be needed to keep a lid on inflation.

In its 12th annual review, the government-financed advisory agency says that the problem will be to avoid an explosion of inflationary wage

and price demands when controls are lifted.

The selected wage and price controls introduced Oct. 13 are scheduled to expire at the end of 1978. Finance Minister Donald Macdonald has said he hopes they can be removed earlier.

Shortly before the controls program was announced, the council advocated a surtax on excessive wage gains. This

would tax away incomes that rise more rapidly than a specified rate.

The council said 10 per cent would be appropriate for first-year rises in incomes. The limit could be lowered in successive years and kept permanently.

The report says its reasons for recommending the surtax "are clearly much the same" as the government's stated

reasons for putting controls into effect.

The government program puts a basic 10 per cent ceiling on wage rises in the first year of a contract.

The program would have to be seen as both efficient and fair.

One problem was that "it appears dangerous to us to define a policy on the general level of prices without any

reference to the kind of price policies being followed at the same time in foreign countries," the council says.

Most of the report was written before the government controls program was announced in October.

An official said the controls may affect some of the council's projections about economic growth.

More Die In The Prime Of Life

OTTAWA (CP) — More people are dying in the prime of life but people in general are living longer than ever, says the Economic Council of Canada.

It does not give exact figures but estimates in its 12th annual report that prospects for long life have improved since 1971 when men could expect to live 71.4 years and women 77.3 years.

The report says the main contributing factor is a decline of nine per cent in deaths among infants during 1972 and 1973.

The decline was unusually large, it says. The decrease between 1951 and 1972 was four per cent.

There is no clear explanation for the decline "but it could be partly related to general improvements in the accessibility and delivery of health care."

At the same time, "prime age mortality," deaths among persons between 35 and 64, rose 1.7 per cent among men and 3.5 per cent among women between 1971 and 1973.

"A major factor... was a four per cent increase in the rate of mortality from neoplasms—cancer and related diseases."

Locked Room Death Ruled To Be Murder

VANCOUVER (CP) — A coroner's jury ruled Monday that the Dec. 2 strangulation death in a locked room of Marion Hamilton, 69, of Vancouver was murder and that police should investigate further.

The inquest heard testimony from Elouise Wilson, 49, Mrs. Hamilton's cousin and one of her guardians, who was the only other person staying in the house on the night of the murder.

Mrs. Hamilton died of strangulation from a cord around her neck in her home about 4 a.m. Dec. 2.

Mrs. Wilson said she is the beneficiary of Mrs. Hamilton's estate of more than \$100,000.

Mrs. Wilson testified about how she became Mrs. Hamilton's guardian after Mrs. Hamilton's mother died in March.

Mrs. Wilson said she was looking after Mrs. Hamilton as an alternative to having her committed to a mental institution.

She said Mrs. Hamilton wandered around the streets at night and had to be locked in her room.

She said she and her husband Philip had put Mrs. Hamilton to bed about 7 p.m. Dec. 1 and had locked her in. Mr. Wilson then left for Victoria where he works.

Mrs. Wilson said that she went to bed and slept until about 8:30 a.m. when she got up and tried to open the door to Mrs. Hamilton's room something was up against it.

As she pushed it open "something seemed to fall" and she found Mrs. Hamilton lying there.

"I touched her leg and it was cold," said Mrs. Wilson.

Cabaret Morals Charges

VANCOUVER (CP) — The owners and management of the Penthouse cabaret were charged Monday with three counts of violations of morality laws following a one year investigation by the city police vice squad.

The group is charged with conspiring with other persons for their own gain to live on the avails of prostitution, and conspiring to corrupt public morals at their club.

They are also charged together with keeping a common bawdy house.

Named in the information are Celebrity Enterprises Ltd., Joseph Philliponi, Ross Filippone, Domenick Filippone, Jan Sedlak, a doorman, Minerva Kelly and Rose Filippone, cashier.

Joseph Phillipone is a brother of the other Filippone's even though the names are spelled differently.

Named in the information as subjects with which the accused conspired are Eleanor Harrigan and Tony Pizani.

The Poor Provinces Gaining

OTTAWA (CP) — The gap in incomes between the rich and poor regions is narrowing, but wide differences still exist, the Economic Council of Canada said Monday in its 12th annual report.

While Ontario has a per capita income 15.9 per cent higher than the national average of \$3,415, the Atlantic provinces get only 72.4 per cent of the national average, a difference between the richest and poorest of 44.5 percentage points.

British Columbia was six per cent higher at \$7,980, the Prairies 98 per cent of the average of \$7,406 and Quebec 90 per cent or \$6,751.

The council says in its annual report that there has been a steady improvement in the Atlantic region in the last quarter-century, but projections show "it would take about 70 more years for the region to reach the national average."

Much of the reason for the narrowing in the gap was a slower rate of growth in the richer provinces, the council said.

Ontario's percentage above the national average fell to 15.9 in 1970-72 from 25.7 per cent in 1930-32. British Columbia dropped to 8.6 per cent from 31.4 per cent over the same period.

More Immigration Seen Key To Future Canadian Growth

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada may need more foreign investment and immigrants in the early 1980s to sustain the rates of growth in output and wealth to which the country has become accustomed, the Economic Council of Canada says.

Forecasting possible trends during the first half of the next decade in its 12th annual review Monday, the federal advisory body concludes that without a radical improvement in industrial efficiency "it may be increasingly difficult to maintain the recent high-output growth rates."

"There are reasons to expect that we may be confronted with the need to accept very large amounts of foreign capital and large inflows of foreign workers if we are to achieve satisfactory growth in the years ahead," says the council, a 23-member group representing various economic interest groups.

It says Canadians are unlikely to generate sufficient savings to finance all the needed industrial development, while growth of the labor force is expected to slow because of the recently declining birth rate.

The result, if present government policies continue unchanged, is expected to be a slowdown in the rate of annual growth in wealth — the gross national product — to an average four per cent from the trend of five per cent or more in the last 15 years.

Total investment in development during the next decade will amount to between \$800 billion and \$900 billion — more than six times the current annual value of all goods and services produced in Canada, the council says.

Therefore, unless there is a radical increase in government savings — surpluses instead of deficits — foreign investment is projected to grow by more than 20 per cent annually during the next decade and wind up accounting for about \$15.60 of every \$100 of investment in 1985 instead of an estimated \$16 now.

In order to sustain a stable growth rate in the 1980s — unemployment of about four per cent compared with more than seven per cent now — the labor force will have to grow faster than projected on the basis of current trends.

Without any immigration, growth in the labor force would fall to a rate of less than two per cent in the early 1980s.

AIR POLLUTION GETTING WORSE

OTTAWA (CP) — After three years of improvement, urban air pollution worsened, on average, by almost six per cent across the country in 1974, the Economic Council of Canada says.

The increase, from 17.2 "impact units" a person to 18.2

units, was caused mainly by pollution from burning fuels, the council says in its 12th annual report released Monday.

The council said the decline in over-all urban air quality "was largely caused by the increasing presence of nitrogen oxides and total oxides" from burning fuel.



TUBA TOOTER John Hall (right) tries to tutor a toot from a pre-schooler who was one of 700 tots entertained

at a Christmas party in Hamilton, Ont., by a high school band led by Hall Monday.

GRIM DAYS AHEAD

Continued from Page 1 growth of their participation in the economy.

The council also says Canada will require capital investment of \$800 billion to \$860 billion in current dollars between now and the early 1980s.

This amount is equal to more than six times last year's gross national product.

Consequently, reliance on foreign financing would likely be more substantial than in the past and might amount to more than 15 per cent of total investment requirements, assuming moderate external price increases.

The council declared that "deliberate trade liberalization is the policy most likely to contribute to solving the productivity problem."

It noted that many Canadians are opposed to foreign investment and provision for high levels of immigration is being questioned.

"We should be paying close attention to the total economic environment in which we will be operating, lest we adopt

piecemeal policies that may turn out to be inconsistent with our over-all long run objectives," the report warns.

"On the other hand, developments abroad or circumstances at home might lead us to decide to lower our growth objectives and to adopt them to available

domestic capital and labor," it adds.

The council suggests that the time is coming when decisions must be taken to either encourage more rapid growth or possibly slow expansion down, emphasizing recreation and quality-of-life goals. Shorter working hours

Dumping Study for Gulf of Georgia

Environment Canada next month will undertake its first study of the sea bottom in the Gulf of Georgia to discover the effects of ocean dumping.

Canada last week joined 15 other nations in legislating control measures for dumping waste materials into the sea and three committees to deal with applications were set up covering the Pacific, Arctic and Atlantic seabords.

Dr. William English, deputy director of Environment Canada marine sciences directorate in Victoria, is one of the

Pacific region's three committee appointees.

He said Monday two charter vessels, the research tender Pandora and the Pisces submarine would be engaged in the bottom survey off Point Grey, which was expected to take about two weeks.

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spoils dumped from barges carrying material from the Fraser River, to what extent they contain heavy metals, hydrocarbons or other man-made substances, and what their effect is upon the bottom.

Meanwhile, the Ocean Dumping Control Act became law in Canada Dec. 13, affecting discharges from any ship, aircraft or ocean platform operating in Canadian territorial waters or on ice; or any Canadian vessel operating in foreign or international

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Commonly-used dumping grounds of southwestern B.C. are off Point Grey, Sand heads, Race Rocks and three

in Howe Sound.

Dr. English said eventually there would be a better assessment of the practice of ocean dumping, which would lead to tighter regulation and recommendations for appropriate disposal grounds.

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VANCOUVER LONE CITY PRICES DIDN'T JUMP

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Tide Gauges Still Missing

The deepest of several research instruments anchored on North Pacific seamounts has been recovered intact by the department of environment but most others appear lost.

Acting regional tide superintendent Will Rapatz said recovery of a tide gauge specially built at University of B.C. was successfully carried out from a depth of 630 metres — nearly 2,000 feet — on Surveyor seamount, situated in the Gulf of Alaska.

Of five gauges deployed on four seamounts since 1974, only two have been recovered, despite several attempts by both Canadian and American hydrographers researching North Pacific tidal currents.

Further efforts to trigger release mechanisms on the instruments, allowing them to rise to surface, will be made in the new year when the department's Pisces submersible becomes available.

Rapatz said the quality of information recorded by the Surveyor gauge was still being assessed, but it was known to have 247 days of tidal action on record.

Scientists are collecting data to help them understand the relationship of oceanic currents and coastal action by charting deep tidal currents. "Surveyor is some 420 miles northwest of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Two gauges were located on Union seamount and one has been recovered from a depth of 314 metres with 114 days of good record.

One was placed on Cobb seamount by the U.S. Coast Guard on behalf of Environment Canada in July 1974. Although this is the shallowest of North Pacific seamounts — less than 120 feet from surface — the gauge has resisted efforts to raise it.

Batteries and recording tape carried by the gauges give them a useful life of just over one year in position, so that those which have long passed the 365-day mark are no longer storing data.

The Americans moored a

Canadian gauge on Bowie seamount in May 1974 at 170 metres. It also remains in place.

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1,000 Already on the Rolls for Big Vic High Blast

More than 1,000 former Vic high students and staff have already registered for the school's massive homecoming centennial May 7-9, organizer Lawrie Wallace said today.

Wallace, deputy provincial secretary and a former teacher and student at the school, expects an additional 5,000 will respond to the advertising campaign being launched across the country.

Celebrations, to make the birth of the oldest public high school west of the Great Lakes and north of San Francisco, are being organized by 200 to 300 workers. Students and staff are urged to register for \$3, and send their name, address and dates of attendance to P.O. Box 1975, Victoria.

Wallace said 20 committees are already at work and any-

one wishing to help or learn more about the celebrations should phone the school at 388-5456 on weekdays.

The organization is seeking pioneers to honor — those who attended Vic High before the school moved to its current location in 1914.

A book on the school's history, written by Dr. Peter Smith, son of the late Harry

Smith, long-time principal of the school, will also be available.

Events include a pre-celebration event Feb. 20 when an official declaration on the school building will be unveiled marking the official opening at the present site 62 years ago. Before then the school was at 1200-block Fort on grounds of Central Junior High.

The May weekend begins Friday night with a musical production entitled Come Give a Cheer in the Memorial Arena at 6 and 8:30 p.m.

A staff party will be held before the evening show at the University of Victoria arranged by Harry Dee, Doug Wallis, Laurie Williams and Doug Smith.

A breakfast for athletes

starts off Saturday morning's sports festivities with "old boys and old girls" participating. A centennial tea will also be held Saturday afternoon and a ball to the music of Mart Kenna and his orchestra will be held in the Memorial Arena Saturday evening.

Sunday's wind-up will be a garden party.

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Theft Lands Pair in Jail

Two men were sentenced to jail Monday for theft over \$200.

David Edgar Forslund, 23, of 3498 Lovat, will spend 90 days in jail, but to be served only on weekends. A concurrent probation order requires him to maintain his employment.

Dennis Leslie Grimshaw, 34, of Hinton, Alta., was sentenced to three months in jail. This will be followed by one year's probation and one of the conditions is that he must remain in Alberta.

Both men were originally charged with robbery with violence against Blair Birch, 26, of 889 Cloverdale, but a jury returned the lesser verdict Dec. 2 after a three-day trial.

Judge Montague Drake, in passing sentence, said "the whole transaction was a peculiar one."

Court was told that Birch, a one-time cab driver, wanted Forslund and Grimshaw to supply him with eight pounds of marijuana for which he

would pay \$170 a pound. Forslund and Grimshaw were to receive a cut of \$10 per pound.

From that point, the court heard two different stories of what happened May 16.

Birch said Forslund pulled a knife on him in a car parked on Millgrove Street in Saanich after demanding to see the \$1,240 he was carrying for the drug purchase. There was a fight and the accused men made off in the car with the money. They were stopped by police, whom Birch called, a short time later.

Forslund said he and Grimshaw wanted their \$10-per-pound cut before they saw a man called Nick, whom he said was to bring the drugs to the trio, and Birch pulled a knife. He and Grimshaw defended themselves, threw him from the car and left. Both accused denied any intention to rob Birch.

Crown counsel David Lissou told Judge Drake both men were on probation at the time the offence occurred.

BEFORE THE JUDGE

Two Victoria men have been charged with being an accessory to the escape of two inmates, part of a group of 10 who broke out of the Wilkinson Road jail last Tuesday.

Mark Graham Murray, 26, of 1645 Oak Bay, and Stephen Ross Shaw, 23, of 1725 Bank, appeared in provincial court Monday.

Shaw, charged with aiding escapers William Murray and Larry Preston Dec. 17, pleaded not guilty. A trial date was set for April 13 and Shaw was released on his promise to appear.

Murray, charged with aiding the same two prisoners Dec. 16, was remanded to Dec. 29 for plea.

Judge D. K. McAdam released him on his promise to appear in court.

A 22-year-old photographer pleaded guilty to possession of about \$2,300 worth of stolen photographic equipment.

James Murray Humphreys, address not known, was remanded to Jan. 7 for sentencing.

Prosecutor Nick Lang said police found two cameras, six lens units, a flash unit and a camera bag in the accused's car Dec. 12. The equipment had been stolen from Soters

Portrait Studios, 788 Yates, Dec. 5 and was valued at \$2,000.

Lang added that on Dec. 16 police recovered two more stolen cameras from Humphreys' then residence. Those cameras were worth a total of \$300, he said, and had been stolen from a Victoria store Nov. 24.

Humphreys told police he had bought all the cameras and equipment from an unknown man.

The accused also pleaded guilty to uttering a \$436 cheque Aug. 28 on to which had been forged the signature of Vincent Lococo, the owner of Soters.

In addition, he was charged with obtaining \$49.63 in merchandise from the Bay in October by using a stolen credit card.

Lang said Humphreys had lost his wallet in November. It had been found and turned in police who discovered the credit card among the accused's identification papers.

When police approached the owner of the card he replied he hadn't used it in months and didn't even know he'd lost it.

Police noted the man and Humphreys had once lived on

the same floor of an apartment building.

McAdam released Humphreys on \$250 surety bail pending sentence.

Eighteen-year-old Gary Rhodes, of 2966 Dowler, received a suspended sentence and was placed on one year's probation for theft under \$200 and taking a car without the owner's consent.

The youth had pleaded guilty Dec. 21.

The charges stemmed from an incident Aug. 24 when Rhodes and a juvenile went on an early morning joyride and

then stole some tools from the back seat of the car.

McAdam ordered Rhodes to attend the weekend Metchosin Camp as a condition of the probation.

A weekend in jail saved \$40 for Terence McWilliam Westcott, 19, of Sooke.

Westcott, who pleaded guilty to possession of a small amount of marijuana, had been arrested at 11:20 a.m. Saturday in downtown Victoria. He'd been placed in the city police lockup pending his hearing Monday.

McAdam said the time spent in custody should be considered in his sentence and therefore set Westcott's fine at \$35. Normally first conviction on similar offences brings a \$75 fine.

McAdam fined Jamie Lauran Whyte, 17, of 294 Goward, \$75 after she pleaded guilty to shoplifting \$90 worth of goods from Eatons last Wednesday.

Gordon William Alliston, 54, of 2623 Shelbourne, was fined \$350 by Judge Fred Green for impaired driving. Alliston, who pleaded guilty, was also ordered to attend the impaired drivers' course.

24 Killed In Bus Crash

CURICO, Chile (UPI) — Two buses jammed with passengers collided today on the Pan American Highway 120 miles south of Santiago.

Authorities said first reports indicated 24 persons were killed and 30 injured.

Cause of the accident was not known. One bus carried workers from the vegetable oil factory at nearby Lontue and the other was an inter-city passenger bus.

'An Idiotic Thing to Do'

Wayne Sinclair, 25, of 1971 Taylor, was sentenced Monday to three months in jail for possession of stolen property under \$200.

Judge Montague Drake of county court said Sinclair received fines and probation for three offences in five years and "the circumstances now require something stiffer."

Prosecutor Barry Mah Ming

said Sinclair was seen in the 300-block Herald May 29 carrying a 19-inch portable television set which had come from a hotel. The offence occurred while he was on probation, Mah Ming said.

Defence counsel Arthur Roberts said Sinclair had been drinking and it was a "stupid, idiotic thing to do, and he admits it, and is genuinely remorseful."

Rapist Sentenced

Burton Juston Tiffin, 660 Rockingham, was sentenced Monday to three years in penitentiary for raping a 26-year-old Colwood mother of two.

County court Judge Montague Drake recommended a psychiatric examination for Tiffin.

Tiffin was found guilty by a jury last month. Court was told during his five-day trial that the woman was asleep in the early hours of Feb. 2 when an intruder came through a window.

One of the woman's daughters was asleep in a cot in the same room. The man said if she made a noise the daughter would be killed, and the woman was then raped.

Racing Snowed Out

BOSTON (AP) — Suffolk Downs cancelled horse racing Sunday and Monday because of a snowstorm. The next scheduled racing is Friday.

Anti-Noise Bylaw Eyed In Nanaimo

NANAIMO — The city of Nanaimo and the area's regional board are considering implementation of a noise bylaw to preserve the "quiet, peace, rest enjoyment, comfort and convenience" of the area.

Allowable noise levels will be reduced under provisions in the bylaw, in three stages, starting in May, 1976 with the final levels to take effect in October, 1980.

The bylaw does not apply to licensed aircraft, trains authorized by the Canadian Transport Commission, railroad crossing signals and emergency vehicles.

Construction work is allowed during the daytime as long as the noise level does not exceed 88 decibels.

The bylaw sets out two types of zones — activity zones and quiet zones — with different standards for each.

Tax Accord With Morocco

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada has signed an agreement with Morocco designed to avoid double taxation and tax evasion in the two countries, the department of external affairs announced.

Negotiations to work out the agreement began in December, 1973 and involved representatives of the departments of finance of the two countries, said an external affairs release.

The release said the agreement generally calls for a withholding tax of 15 per cent on dividends, branch profits and interest paid to non-residents and that a rate of 10 per cent will generally apply to royalties.

The agreement is the fourth one of its type negotiated with a foreign nation since extensive tax reforms were implemented in Canada in 1971, said the release.

Youth Unhurt As Car Flips

Brian Patrick Casey, 17, of 1106 Holly Park Road, escaped serious injury Monday night when his car flipped on the Pat Bay Highway at Keating Cross Road, ending right side up.

Casey was heading north on the highway and apparently misjudged the left turn lane, Central Saanich police reported.

His sister, Leslie, 19, suffered a bump on the head.

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The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

When today's deal was played in a tournament, virtually every North-South pair arrived at a three notrump contract, with South as the declarer. All of them, except one, made exactly nine tricks. The exception came home with ten tricks, for a top-score on the deal. The bidding and play presented below occurred at the table where ten tricks were made. North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♦ K 8
♥ K Q 5
♦ 8 5 4
♣ K Q 9 8 2

EAST
♦ J 10 9 6 4
♥ A J 10 9
♦ K 9 7 3 2
♣ J

SOUTH
♦ A 7 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ A Q 10 6
♣ J 10 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠.

South's one-heart response was a psychic call which, in justification, might be called a "lead-inhibiting" bid. When North showed his heart support, South retreated to two notrump which North, despite his minimum hand, raised to game in notrump.

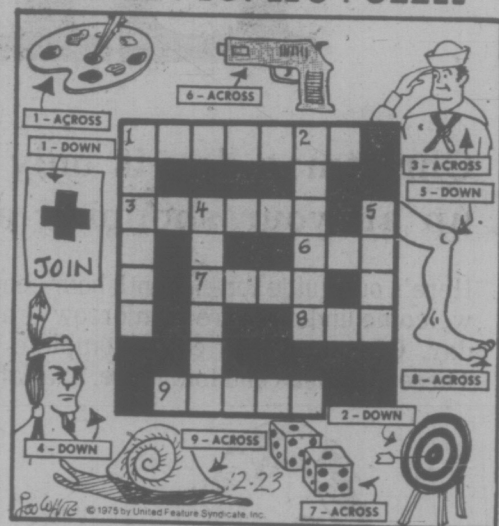
At all tables West opened the three of diamonds, and East's jack was taken by South's queen. The jack of clubs was then led, West winning with his ace. The various Wests now led either a spade, a heart, or a club. The reason for not continuing diamonds was a simple one: South was known to still possess the ace and ten, for if East had held the ten he would have played it instead of the jack (the lower of touching honors by third hand). And so the various South declarers all made nine tricks: two spades, one heart, two diamonds, and four clubs.

At the one table where ten tricks were made, when East put up the jack of diamonds on the opening lead, South did not win the trick with his queen. Instead, he took East's jack with the ace!

He next led the club jack, which all the other South declarers had done, and West captured this lead with his ace. West, quite naturally, figured that East was the possessor of the diamond queen. So, at trick three, West led the deuce of diamonds, expecting East to win the trick with the queen. But, as is evident, South won the trick with the six-spot.

South now returned the diamond queen to West's king — and simultaneously his ten of diamonds became his third diamond winner. Thus, by employing a bit of deception at trick one, South made an all-important overtrick.

LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE



YOUR HOROSCOPE

Astrological Forecast for Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1975
By SYDNEY OMARR

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Avoid rushing to judgment. Put together jigsaw pieces. Refuse to be pushed, cajoled into corner. You have right to ask, examine and analyze. Gemini, Virgo persons figure in picture. Accent on basic service, protection of recent gains. Steer clear of senseless argument with envious person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make change, adjustment at home. Family member, discussing budget and gifts could be "out of line." Know it and be diplomatic. Motive is important. If you exude goodwill it will come back to you. The reverse also is true.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Spiritual insights are highlighted. Period of temporary gloom may be replaced by enlightenment. Pisces, Virgo persons figure in picture. Keep promise to older family member. If you fulfill obligation, you will be a stronger person. The choice is your own.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Organize. Be aware of fact that others are looking up to you. Keep priorities in view. Means don't forego resolutions made in your "heart of hearts." Capricorn person deserves your understanding, affection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Finish what you start—and keep promise to yourself. A young person, seeking your counsel, wants more than gift or pat on back. You'll have to give it yourself. If this you do, you can open door to rich rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll feel revitalized. You'll receive congratulatory message or call. You may find this holiday your most fulfilling in recent years. Leo, Aquarius persons figure prominently. Element of love shines strong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel as if being pulled in two directions simultaneously. Key is to rise above the petty—share, give, receive—be open to love. What occurs behind the scenes may be more important than might be imagined.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be flexible. Change routine. Relax. Receive without feeling a "trade" is necessary. Toss aside false pride. Exit in fact that you are one who is cared for, considered with affection. Gemini, Sagittarius persons are very much in picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be specific, frank, direct, willing to tear away layers of pretence. Be aware of significance of holiday, no matter what your religious persuasion. One you ad-

mire wants your advice. Share knowledge. Don't be overly modest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Welcome change, celebration, variety, frank answers to your questions. You may not find that everything fits into preconceived pattern. You'll make adjustments and may have to bite hard on bullet. But you will get factual information which is of long-range benefit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are surprised, flattered, touched by consideration shown you—by one who you thought was indifferent. Be open, receptive and understanding of holiday spirit. Taurus, Libra figure prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You imprint style. You make known feelings. You are understood. You perceive difference between the real and imagined. Another Piscean could be in picture. You have feeling that others do care—and that is a great gift.

IF DECEMBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you have unusual voice—you could sing and you understand unique complications of family relationships. Taurus, Libra persons play important roles in your life. You are due for happier, more productive times. If single, marriage is on horizon. March and December will be outstanding months for you in 1976.

FUN WITH FIGURES

By J. A. H. HUNTER

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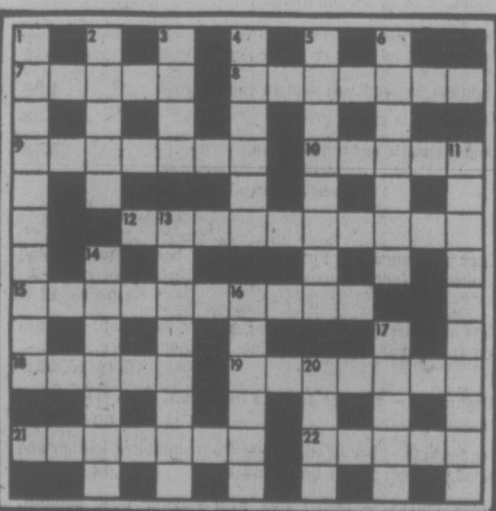
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Japanese Club Seeks Durocher

FUKUOKA, Japan (AP) — Taikeiyo Club Lions are negotiating to hire Leo Durocher to manage the Japanese professional baseball team next year.

Durocher managed Houston Astros before retiring in 1973, after 45 years as a player, coach and manager in the U.S. major leagues.



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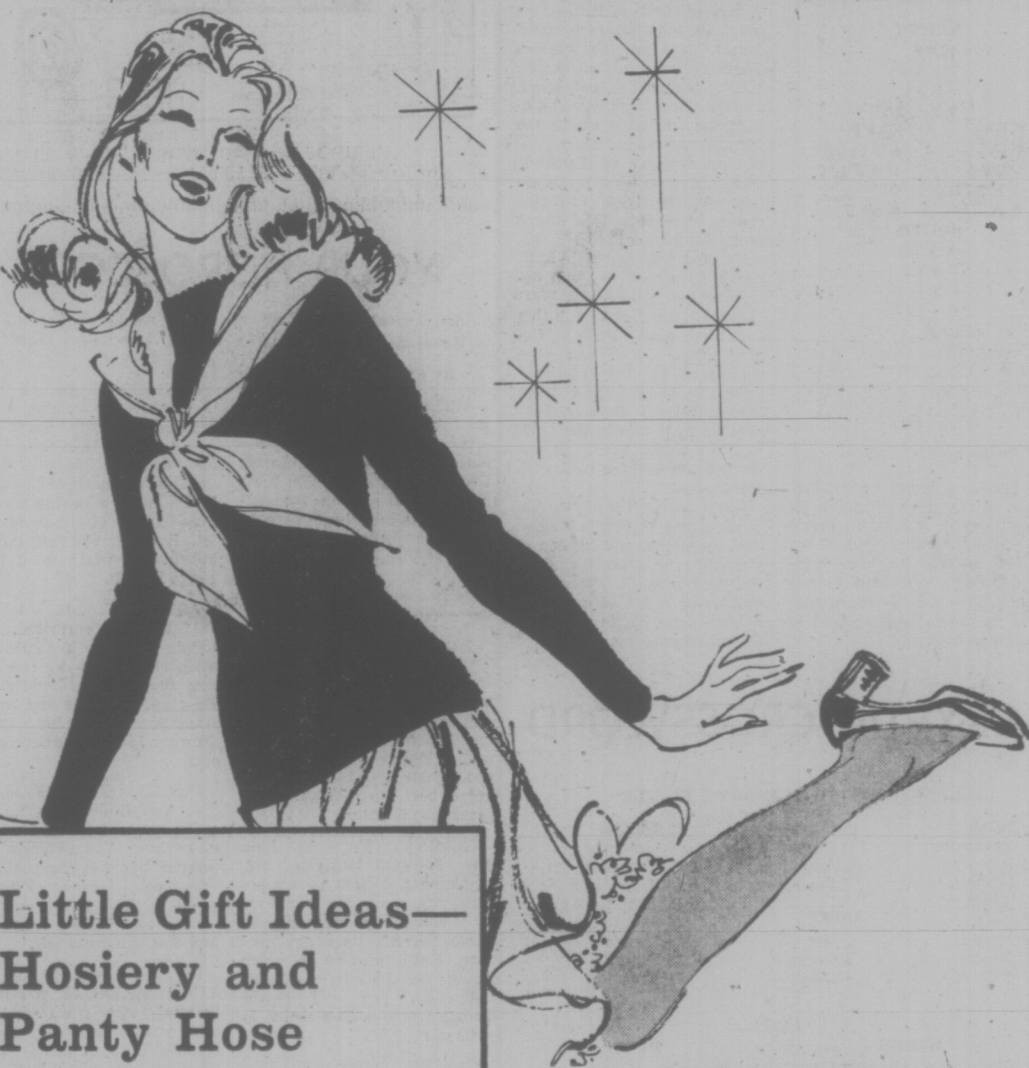
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Hosiery, dept. 201, main floor

Gift books

Kurelek's Canada — by William Kurelek. A magnificent personal view of Canada: the landscape, the people, their work and their pleasures... in pictures and words. **19.95**

Magnificent Derelicts — by Ronald Woodall. A celebration of older buildings, a love affair in water colors. **29.95**

One Canada — by John Diefenbaker. An important event in Canadian life. Rich in humour, personality, dignity and grandeur. **15.00**

Hollywood's Canada — by Pierre Berton. The Americanization of our national image. **13.95**

Books, dept. 205, lower main floor.

For the Home

Bundt Nordic Cookware — For the hostess with a flair for baking — fancy baking dishes for special-occasion recipes.

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Flan pan — in gold or green. **3.98**

Double rosette and timbale iron. **2.98**

Housewares, dept. 234, main floor, home furnishings building.

Cups and saucers — For the collector, bone china cups and saucers in fancy shapes, designs. English imports. **4.95 to 11.95**

Sets of glasses — Ready boxed, easy to gift wrap! Includes old fashioned, highballs, wine and many more. **13.49 to 25.50**

Decanters — Elegant addition to the bar. Wide selection of crystal decanters. **29.00 to 49.00**

Ice buckets — Insulated, choose from simulated leather and wood finishes; brown, beige, black. **29.95 to 39.95**

Steak knives — Boxed sets with stag or bone handles, stainless steel blades with serrated edges. Boxed, sets of 6. — 11.95 to 50.00 China, dept. 232, main floor, home furnishings building.

For Him

Wallets and key cases — Black or brown leather. Wallets 9.00 to 18.50 Match up with a key case. **5.00 and 6.00**
Leather Goods, dept. 217, main floor.

Yardley for men — Black Label in a choice of soap-on-a-rope or after shave talc. **2.50**

Kanon — 7-oz. size cologne. **13.50**

Arden — Men's Total Tote — includes foam shave cream, after-shave lotion, cologne and cream deodorant. **15.00**
Cosmetics, dept. 216, main floor.

Gillette Hot Shave — Trac II razor and foamy shave cream included. Heat-softens beard for a clean, comfortable shave. Model GSM-3. **21.95**
Toiletries, dept. 212, lower main floor.

B&D jig saw — Black & Decker's 2-speed jig saw features high speed forward for wood, low for metal. **21.99**

Drill bit set — 7-pce. set in sizes 1/16" to 1/4". A great addition to his workshop, easy on your budget. **8.99**

Pencil engraver — Electric pencil engraver with tungsten carbide tip for long life. **14.99**
Hardware, dept. 253, lower main floor.

Key case — All leather cases with four key hooks. Choose from black and brown. Snap closing. **1.50**
Auto accessories, dept. 263, lower main floor

Zippo gas lighter — Always dependable, unconditionally guaranteed. **4.75 to 6.75**
Smoking accessories, dept. 213, main floor.

Men's boots — 3-eyelet tie boots in brown. Cozy lining makes them just right for winter wear. Sizes 6-11. **5.99**

Men's sweaters — Easy-care acrylic pullovers with turtlenecks, long sleeves. White, blue or cream. **7.99**

Plaid shirts — Come boxed ready for gift wrap! Long sleeve sport shirts in a choice of plaids. S.M.L. **8.99**
Downstairs Budget Store.

For Her

Kayser slips — Non-cling nylon taitalene, lace trimmed at hem and front slit. White or white sand. S.M.L. **6.50**
Lingerie, dept. 209, floor of fashion.

Leather clutches — Fine leathers, in various styles and colors. **10.00 to 15.00**
Handbags, dept. 217, main floor

Coty gift set — Imprevu set includes spray mist and creme de parfum. **8.00**

Max Factor — California fresh fruit bubble bath. 8 assorted fragrances. **5.95**

Helena Rubinstein — Heaven Scent gift set includes bath powder shaker and spray cologne. Gift boxed. **6.75**

DuBarry — Eye shadow kits in assorted selection of shades. A welcome addition to her make-up kit. **3.95**

Faberge — Woodhue gift set includes fragrant bath powder and 1-oz. size cologne. **8.50**

Elizabeth Arden-Gift set: dusting powder, spray perfume mist in Blue Grass or Memoire Cherie. **10.00**

Sans Souci — Herbal foam bath, body oil or body lotion. Moisturizing and fragrant. **5.50 to 8.50**
Cosmetics, dept. 216, main floor.

Panty Hose — 100% stretch nylon to fit 100 to 160 lbs. Sheer for daytime or evening wear; in mocha, taupe or beige. Reinforced toe. **3 for 1.00**
Downstairs budget store

Polyester shirts — Classic shirts to wear in or out. Easy-care polyester in burgundy, beige, powder blue, pink, turquoise. 10-18. **5.99**
Popular priced sportswear, dept. 345, third floor.

Perfume Gifts-Perfume by Hartnell, In Love. In ¼ dr. to ¼ dz. sizes. **3.50 to 8.50**

Vive — by Molyneux. 2 cc to 1/6-oz. sizes. **5.50 to 12.75**

Arpege — by Lanvin. ¼-oz. spray and ¼oz. bottle. **11.00 and 12.75**

Shalimar — by Guerlain. ¼ oz. **10.00**

Bellodgia — by Caron. ¼ oz. size. **12.50**
Perfume, dept. 216, main floor.

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OPEC Captors Give Up

Times News Services
ALGIERS — Terrorists who seized the Vienna headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries surrendered to Algerian authorities today after releasing in Libya and Algeria their last hostages, including Saudi Arabia's oil minister and the interior minister of Iran.

The Venezuelan minister of mines and hydrocarbons, Valentin Hernandez Acosta, who was released Monday, said he was convinced that the terrorist leader who identified himself as Carlos was the widely sought gunman of that name.

The guerrillas — five men and a woman calling themselves the "Arm of the Arab Revolution" — stepped slowly from the Austrian airlines DC-9 and handed over their machine-guns to Algerian police.

The terrorists decided to end the siege after airline crewmembers, exhausted from criss-crossing the Arab world, said they were too tired to fly any further.

Algerian and Austrian officials at Algiers airport then negotiated the surrender.

After the gang gave up, Algerian officials whisked the commandos to police headquarters in an official Algerian government car.

Some Algerian officials said the commandos might be put on trial.

NEWS BRIEFS

Bah, Humbug

LONDON (UPI) — Britons are set for a Happy Christmas this year — and that is by a clear majority vote. Of 1,920 Britons questioned on the subject by National Opinion Polls, 88 per cent said they would have a happy Christmas. Five per cent said they would not and seven per cent didn't know.

Moluccans Charged

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — Seven young South Moluccans, who held 25 hostages for 15 days at the Indonesian consulate, were charged today with threatened homicide and illegal possession of firearms. The seven were previously charged with illegal deprivation of liberty.

Jet In Snow

NEW YORK (UPI) — A Braniff International jet veered off a taxiway at Kennedy Airport Monday and suffered a collapsed landing gear but skidded safely to a stop in a snowbank without any injuries to the 124 passengers and crew aboard.

Witnesses Ousted

TORONTO (CP) — Zambia has deported four Canadians and two British members of the Watchtower religious sect for allegedly encouraging Zambians "to perpetuate divisive interests."

U.K. Jobless Up

LONDON (AP) — Britain's jobless increased by 42,563 in December to what Employment Secretary Michael Foot called the "appalling" total of 1,211,464, representing 5.2 per cent of a working population of nearly 24 million.

Shooting Flares

BEIRUT (UPI) — New shooting in Beirut forced cancellation of a scheduled meeting of Parliament today. East of the capital heavy fighting raged for the second day in Zahle, Lebanon's fourth largest city.

NDP 'MASSAGED FIGURES'—OFFICIAL

B.C. Facing \$324M Deficit

By LINDA HUGHES
Times Staff

British Columbia is facing "at best" a \$324.3 million budget deficit according to a top civil servant in the finance department.

Bill Stow, director of finance and third-ranking member of the department, sat with reporters for nearly two hours today and opened his books to show the financial statement presented by the outgoing NDP government last week was "nonsense."

According to Stow, B.C. is facing total expenditures of \$561.8 million while the best possible estimate of contingent revenues is \$237.5 million.

He said the statement by outgoing Finance Minister Dave Stupich that the new Social Credit government would have to cut only about \$40 million from the current budget to balance it and that the NDP had trimmed \$143 million from the budget already was "totally incorrect."

Stow said he realized he may lose his job because of his statements but he said he didn't want the independent auditor appointed by Premier Bennett to come in and make it look like the finance department didn't know what was happening with its own figures.

"I don't know how the department can continue to function with integrity if we are looked on as massaging the figures," said Stow, adding that he had not discussed his plans with anyone prior to going to the press.

Stow said he was most upset and decided to drop his financial bombshell because reports of Stupich's financial statement made it appear he was using the figures of comptroller-general J. W. Minty when he was really only interpreting one month's figures.

He added at the end, however, that despite the huge deficit facing the province, B.C. is better off than many other jurisdictions in Canada and it is only a disaster in terms of trying to balance the budget.

In his lengthy and often complicated statement, Stow said revenues are more likely to be down 10.2 per cent this year rather than the five per cent figure given by Stupich. He said Stupich had been told by the finance department the 10.2 per cent figure was a more accurate reading.

Stow recited the expenditures facing government departments plus other debts the government will have to cover and then compared that with possible revenue sources to cover those long-run expenditures.

He went so far, at one point, as to say the finance department "cooked" the figures because it was instructed to include \$150 million in revenues from natural gas this year and that money hasn't come in yet.

In reciting the expenditures, facing the government, Stow said expenditures will exceed revenues within this budget by about \$356 million.

Added to that figure is \$100 million in cash Stow said would have to be given to ICBC, not to cover its deficit, but to compensate for its lack of cash flow.

He said the B.C. Petroleum Corporation must pay Ottawa \$70 million on behalf of natural gas producers under the new federal resource taxation

WEATHER

Tonight, Wednesday:
Showers, Mild

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Bill Stow opens department books

—Bill Halkett photo

SUPERPRIZE NO. 12

DUBLIN (CP) — E. M. Gowling of Hamilton, Ont., won the latest Irish sweepstake superprize of \$400,000 (about \$840,000), sweeps officials announced today.

Gowling is the 12th Canadian to win the superprize in the 21 draws held since 1969.

Gowling's ticket number was WRL64094.

The running Saturday of the sweep hurdle at Leopardstown, near Dublin, will de-

cide the winners of hundreds of other prizes, including four first prizes worth about \$157,500; four second prizes worth about \$42,000; and four third prizes of about \$21,000.

Officials also announced that, starting with the next sweeps race to be run in March, the superprize will be awarded £75,000 in cash and rest in an annuity with a guaranteed minimum of 20 years.

The change is intended to

protect winners from heavy taxes levied in some countries on prizes.

Victoria area ticket holders with horse's name, ticket number, name or non-deplume:

Comedy of Errors: VKK64857, Jack Ass, Saanich-ton.

Crowndiamond: WHT47832, R. E. Smith, Saanich-ton.

Royal Epic: Wss50507, Us 4, Victoria.

Victoria Least Crowded

OTTAWA (CP) — There is more housing available now and it is less crowded than at any time in recent years, says the Economic Council of Canada.

The council also says in its 1974 annual report released Monday that the cost of housing appears to have grown more rapidly for owners than for renters.

Among major cities, Victoria had the lowest crowding rate at the end of 1974.

Victoria was followed by Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Ont., Edmonton, Winnipeg, Windsor,

Ont., Halifax, Montreal and Quebec.

The council says the steady downward trend in crowding suggests further improvement in the housing situation.

Over-all housing costs as a proportion of income remained fairly stable in the 1971-74 period.

Narrowing this to renters and owners, the council says costs appear to be dropping for renters and rising for homeowners.

"Since renters have lower incomes than owners on average, this relative shift would appear to be favorable," the council says.

Much of the new construc-

tion to 1983 will be concentrated around major cities, the council says. With about 30 per cent more land needed for this housing, this might mean that housing costs will take a bigger slice of personal income in coming years.

The council has developed what it calls social indicators to measure the quality of life in Canada. Housing is one indicator.

The number of new housing units started every year as a percentage of the total number of households averaged 2.8 per cent in the 1971-74 period, up from three per cent in the 1960s, the council says.

CRACKDOWN ON WELFARE

A crackdown on welfare abuse and new job-finding programs for employable welfare recipients was promised Monday by new Social Credit Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm.

"If anybody is able to work but he refuses to pick up shovel we will have ways and means of dealing with him," Vander Zalm said just minutes after the cabinet swearing-in at Government House.

New welfare investigators will likely be appointed, he said, adding that even if the investigations are expensive it's important to stop welfare abuse before it grows.

Surrey brought in a job-finding program for employable welfare recipients and

Vander Zalm, who was mayor of Surrey at the time, said he hopes a similar program can be initiated province wide.

B.C. has employment programs now but the new minister said they can be extended. If employable people refuse to take jobs they would probably be cut off or "dealt with in some way," he said.

Vander Zalm said despite the 100,000 unemployed in B.C., jobs can be found but may involve moving people to other parts of the province.

He said it is important for British Columbians to be given first preference for jobs and said he would like to see the government take some action to insure the jobs go to local residents.

A Complete Audit Ordered by Bennett

A national firm of chartered accountants has been hired by the new Social Credit government to co-ordinate a complete audit of the province's finances.

In his first news conference as premier, Bill Bennett told a crowd of reporters Monday afternoon the firm of Clarkson and Gordon has been commissioned to co-ordinate the audit.

It will check the finances of the government through the finance department and comptroller-general and will ask for audited statements from all the Crown corporations.

Asked whether he doubted the financial statement given by former Premier Dave Barrett last week, Bennett said only that he had not seen any "audited" statements from the former government.

The results of the audit will be made public after cabinet has studied it, said Bennett, and will form the basis of his "state of the province" address in January and help him draw up the new budget.

The premier also announced he is sending three of his new ministers to Ottawa to discuss the province's role in the anti-inflation program.

Finance Minister Evan Wolfe, Consumer Services Minister Rafe Mair and Labor Minister Allan Williams left for Ottawa Monday night and are expected back later today.

Bennett was vague about the purpose of the trip but said the ministers wanted clarification of the program and would also present "B.C.'s position."

He would not elaborate on what B.C.'s position will be and said he didn't want to negotiate through the press.

The future of the food price freeze which expires Jan. 1 and ICBC premium increases will be decided as the result of the discussions in Ottawa.

The premier said he was not impressed with the way the NDP government dealt

AN OIL SUPERPORT ACROSS THE STRAIT?

SEATTLE (AP) — The state oceanographic commission has asked the legislature to provide for construction of an oil superport on the Strait of Juan de Fuca to serve all the state's refineries except Tacoma.

The commissioners overruled a staff recommendation Monday to consider Burrows Bay, on Fidalgo Island, as a

superport site, saying the bay was too pristine an area. They suggested the north coast of the Olympic Peninsula for such a port. This would put it across the strait from Victoria.

The commission also urged a 10-year moratorium on any modification of existing oil terminals that would enable them to berth larger vessels.

N.S. Detective, Cabbie Murdered

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — Police were searching for at least one man today in the shooting deaths overnight of a city detective and another man in a parking lot near the Holiday Inn here.

Cpl. Eric Spicer, 30, an eight-year veteran of the force who was married with two children, was gunned down about midnight while on plainclothes "surveillance duty."

He was dead when police, called by a night watchman who heard about five shots, reached the scene.

Nearby, another unidentified man was found critically wounded and died later, police Chief Roger Smith said.

The second dead man was reported to be a taxi driver. Police found a handgun, badge, wallet and bullet pouch today which they believe belonged to Spicer.

The articles were discovered in a patch of woods behind the hotel on a slope of land leading down under a

bridge. It was only a short distance from where Spicer and the second man were found.

The bullet pouch was reported to have been found by a group of about 25 investigators using shovels, trowels and metal detectors.

Pools of blood about 150 feet apart indicated the policeman died at the side of the service station. The second man was shot near the front door of a finance company office in the hotel. He died shortly after he was found wounded.

Dartmouth Mayor Eileen Stubbs, said policemen do not always get the support they deserve.

She said penalties for such incidents must be severe. "If we don't have capital punishment... we should have life — and I mean life imprisonment."

The incident evoked memories of the grisly murders Dec. 13 last year of two Moncton city policemen during a kidnapping investigation.

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Canadian Economy Will Falter, ECC Warns

OTTAWA — "A considerable deterioration" for the national economy between 1980 and 1985 was predicted Monday by Andre Raynauld, chairman of the Economic Council of Canada.

Canadians will have to adjust to slower growth in their standards of living and international trade problems will grow more serious, he warned. (See other stories on Page 16)

Commenting at a press conference following release of the council's 12th annual review, Dr. Raynauld said the increase in national wealth — gross national product (GNP) — will slow to about four per cent a year in the 1980s, compared with increases of five to 5.5 per cent in the 1960s and 1970s.

The main reasons for this slowdown are smaller increases in the working-age population and reduced out-

put per worker as more people enter service jobs, like government, the council says.

Only more foreign investment — between \$800 and \$900 billion of development capital is needed in the next decade — and greatly increased immigration could offset slower growth.

But public feeling is against both more foreign investment and easier immigration, says the council.

By 1985, the ECC says, the working-age population will be increasing in only two of the five Canadian regions — Ontario and B.C.

Another major conclusion is that it will be very difficult for Canada to avoid balance-of-payments problems.

The projected deceleration of growth in foreign economies, particularly in the United States, the recent deterioration of the competitiveness

of Canadian industry, and the gradual decrease in Canadian oil shipments will contribute to a slowing down of exports.

The average deficit in Canada's current account with the rest of the world could rise to three per cent of the gross national product, or three times the level of the 1960s.

The council warns that devaluation of the Canadian dollar would promote inflation, and would not prevent a loss

of competitiveness of Canadian industry over the long term.

The council suggests that Canada should devote an average of 25 per cent of its resources to savings and investment.

The council calls for an increase in savings and investment and a redistribution of expenditures between the public and private sectors — with governments halting the

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WORDPLAY



Send your own WORDPLAY, care of this newspaper.

ICBC Emergency Needs Help Fast—McGeer

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. is in "an emergency situation and will need immediate financial help," Pat McGeer, the new minister responsible for ICBC, said Monday.

McGeer said in an interview that losses of the monopoly auto insurance company will reach \$200 million when the current insurance year expires Feb. 29.

"If this was a private company it would be placed in receivership," McGeer said. "ICBC will have to obtain funds immediately."

McGeer said the premium increases announced under the NDP are not nearly high enough to restore the health of the company.

Asked if he would recommend taking money from gasoline taxes to cover ICBC's

deficit, the minister said "there is no money to transfer."

The Social Credit party promised during the election campaign that it would end government subsidies to ICBC and allow private insurance companies to sell auto insurance.

McGeer said Monday that private insurance would be allowed as soon as possible,

"but I don't see how the private insurance industry can be brought in with only two weeks' notice; they weren't poised to come back into the province."

Private insurance companies, however, have been acting as brokers for ICBC since the New Democratic Party made it the sole auto insurance agent in 1974. Private companies also have re-

mained in other insurance fields in B.C.

During the election campaign, the industry mounted an advertising campaign against the ICBC and Autoplan, using as a theme "Thanks for the Memories."

In addition, 37 private companies have been unsuccessful in court to have the legislation setting up Autoplan set

aside. The suit has gone through the B.C. Court of Appeal and industry spokesmen have said they intend to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Meanwhile the Insurance Bureau of Canada promised Monday to co-operate in every way possible with McGeer.

"Certainly he is a man who showed during the election campaign that he was very

knowledgeable about ICBC," said Ken Malthouse, manager of the bureau's Vancouver branch.

Tom Norton of Prince George, president of the Insurance Agents Association of B.C., said that "we hope to have a meeting with ICBC under its new directors just to find out how the mechanics are going to come about as to the 1976 premium year."

'A Step Back'—Labor

VANCOUVER (CP) — Union leaders said Monday that B.C. should have a full-time labor minister and that to divide the duties with another portfolio is a retrograde step.

The concern followed news that Labor Minister Allan Williams is also to have responsibility for Indian affairs in the new Bennett cabinet.

"It's a step back to the old system of a part-time minister," said Ron Johnson, education director for the B.C. Federation of Labor.

Attorney-general Leslie Peterson was responsible for labor and law enforcement in the cabinet of former Social Credit Premier W. A. C. Bennett.

"The labor movement has grown even more since then and it should be a full-time job," said Johnson.

"If I were an Indian, I would express the same concern. One or the other job is going to get less attention."

Jack Munro, regional president of the International Woodworkers of America, expressed similar concern.

"I am extremely disappointed," he said. "I thought everybody in the province had recognized that the trade union movement certainly warrants a full-time minister."

"I am not spoiling for a war with him," Munro said.

"What we are concerned about is that he is going to be implementing the philosophies of the Social Credit government."

"We are still recovering from the old-line thinking that the former Social Credit government had."

Syd Thompson, president of the Vancouver and District Labor Council, said it makes little difference who is appointed labor minister.

"Whoever it is will be handling out the policies of the government," said Thompson. "I said the day after the election and I say now that I fear the worst for labor under this government."

Senator Ed Lawson, president of the Teamsters' Union joint council, said he thinks Williams will take a hard-line approach to the detriment of the labor movement.

"We are still willing to work with him and I would hope, although not very optimistically, that he will engage in consultation and not confrontation."

Corporation Officers Suspended

The new Social Credit government has suspended the powers of officers of corporations in which the provincial government has an interest.

Large, black-bordered advertisements appeared in newspapers in B.C. today, giving notice to all directors and officers of corporations in which the province owns a share that their powers are suspended.

The notice, signed by "The Minister of Finance," says these officers may not exercise any of their normal powers without approval in writing. Evan Wolfe of Vancouver is the new minister.

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NEW CABINET begins its term with smiles for photographers at Government House shortly after the Social Credit government was sworn into office today. Happy faces from left to right are: Education Minister Pat McGeer; Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Hugh Curtis; Finance Minister Evan

Wolfe; Health Minister Bob McClelland; Environment Minister Jim Nielsen; Labor Minister Allan Williams; Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm; Premier Bill Bennett; Lt.-Gov. and Mrs. Walter Owen; Transport Minister Jack Davis; Provincial Secretary and Recreation and Tourism Minister Grace Mc-

Carthy; Mines and Forests Minister Tom Waterland; Attorney-General Garde Gardom; Consumer Services Minister Rafe Mair; Agriculture and Economic Minister Don Phillips and Public Works and Highways Minister Alex Fraser. (Bill Halkett photo)

Vander Zalm a Redneck—Wallace

B.C.'s new Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm was labeled a "redneck" Monday by Conservative leader Scott Wallace.

"It's an unfortunate time for the pendulum to swing so dramatically to the right and have the department of human resources run by a redneck," said Wallace.

Vander Zalm once called for the return of the lash, he said, and while changes may have been needed it would be wrong to publicly penalize people who do need help.

Wallace was much more vocal in his criticism of the new Social Credit cabinet than representatives of the other parties.

NDP spokesman, former highways minister Graham Lea, said it appears Premier Bill Bennett is either planning to appoint new ministers slowly by watching their performance in the house or he is planning to restructure the entire cabinet setup.

Either way, Lea said, the people should wait and assess his performance before passing judgment.

Bennett appointed only 15 ministers, with four dual portfolios, and has started shuf-

fling some of the ministerial responsibilities.

It's probably a good plan to re-assess and change the portfolios from time to time, said Lea, adding that he simply wished the new government luck and did not want to pass judgment on the individual abilities of each appointee.

Liberal leader Gordon Gibson had a similar reaction, saying Bennett appeared to have chosen his cabinet cautiously, "leaving lots of room for adjustment later."

"Governments write their own commentaries as time goes by... I wish them luck," he said.

But Wallace was free with his comments, saying he was disappointed with some of the dual portfolios which place a heavy load on certain ministers, such as Hugh Curtis who takes both housing and municipal affairs.

He said it was surprising Bennett would give such large, new portfolios to Richmond M.L.A. Jim Nielsen, who will head the new environment department.

Newcomer Tom Waterland, who will take over mines and forests, has professional training as a mining engineer, said Wallace, but it will still be a

tough job for the new member.

Health Minister Bob McClelland has a difficult task ahead of him in trying to keep the Socreds' promise of intermediate health care, said Wallace.

And the Tory leader even had some doubts about the new speaker, Ed Smith, who will be sworn in at the first sitting of the house.

Smith brought in some "convoluted challenges to the chair in days gone by," he said, and the house can look into the future of Smith's term as Speaker "with apprehension."

Greater Victoria mayors, meanwhile, reacted favorably to Curtis' appointment to the municipal affairs post.

Ed Lum, who succeeded Curtis as mayor of Saanich, said the new minister had "eminent qualifications" and mentioned his background as president of the Union of B.C. Municipalities and chairman of the B.C. Finance Authority.

Lum felt Curtis knows better than anyone else the extent to which municipalities need provincial help. The Saanich mayor also said that tying together the portfolios of municipal affairs and housing

under Curtis makes good sense. "You can't have good housing unless all municipal services are available," he said.

Lum agreed with Vander Zalm's appointment because "it was time the government appointed someone with a hard-line stand" in human resources.

But mayor-elect Michael Young of Victoria wasn't so sure about Vander Zalm's appointment. "Vander Zalm doesn't exactly strike me as a member of the loving-and-understanding society," Young said.

"Young approved of Curtis' appointment and hoped to meet soon with him. Esquimalt mayor Art

Young felt Curtis would do "an excellent job" while Ald. John Gault, acting mayor of Oak Bay, said Curtis would bring experience and expertise to a "badly neglected portfolio."

He described Curtis as an expert politician "who knows what it is all about."

Curtis' appointment was welcomed in Vancouver by Ald. Jack Volrich, city council finance committee chairman.

"I expect we will be able to set up a much more effective and useful relationship with Mr. Curtis than during the past few years (under former minister Jim Lorimer) because of Mr. Curtis' closer understanding of municipal problems," Volrich said.

CHABOT EYED CABINET POST

Columbia River M.L.A. Jim Chabot said Monday he had expected to be appointed to the new Social Credit cabinet.

In a telephone interview from his home, Chabot said he had expected and hoped for a cabinet post in the new government, but he had no hard feelings.

Chabot was one of three incumbent Socred M.L.A.s not included in the roster of ministers sworn in Monday after Premier Bill Bennett took the oath of office.

An M.L.A. since 1963, Chabot served one year as labor minister under the old Social Credit government.

Another former Socred cabinet minister not included in the new lineup, Pat Jordan, was elected to her fourth term as M.L.A. for North Okanagan.

Jordan said in an interview she "really hadn't given much thought" to her own appointment as cabinet minister and declined to comment further.

She said Bennett faced a difficult decision in choosing a cabinet and "the concern of all the people is that we get good government."

Chilliwack M.L.A. Harvey Schroeder, the third incumbent M.L.A. left among the backbenchers, could not be reached for comment Monday.

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TOWN TALK

The old Muirhead house at the corner of Esquimalt and Roberts has tumbled under the wrecker's hammer, ending a struggle by the Hallmark Society to save it as a heritage home.

"I suppose it's the one we came closest to saving," society spokesman Terry Reksian said. "We had the champagne on ice, but not uncorked."

The Vancouver owner had co-operated but had set a deadline of Dec. 13. The provincial public-works department seemed for it. But a vague estimate of \$30,000 as the cost of moving it, and the election of a new government, killed the 83-year-old house, described as "high Victorian Italianate."

"They looked at what they thought it was going to cost — and packed it in," says Terry. But there are ways to cut costs where there's a will and the society was ready to work hard at it.

"If you decide to save an old house, you can overcome all obstacles. If you waver, any obstacle becomes insurmountable."



MARY

Everybody made quite a fuss over Mary Bunbury on Christmas Eve four years ago. The Queen, the prime minister and the premier all sent greetings.

Now Mrs. Bunbury, who lives at Memorial Pavilion, will celebrate her 10th birthday Wednesday. She says she'll settle for a turkey dinner.

Her sight is not so good, her hearing is fading and memories sometimes slip away. She worries about her memory, but then explains it with a smile: "I'm getting on, you know."

She'll probably eat that turkey dinner there's nothing wrong with her appetite. She insists, for example, her breakfast arrive on time.

A widow for 53 years, her sense of humor is intact too. She's warned her minister that if he continues his annual public tribute to her age, he's going to hurt her chances of nabbing another husband.

Seems there are two schools of thought on the subject of Christmas trees.

One says you shouldn't use the natural growing kind because some day that little tree could mature into a giant of the forest.

The other argument is that it's sensible to use natural Christmas trees because they can and do renew themselves, whereas those glittery artificial trees are using up all kinds of non-renewable resources.

Either way, you pay your money and you take your choice.

Oak Bay police chief John Green is back on his feet and walking his daily regimen after major surgery Dec. 8.

Surgeons did four heart bypasses to correct a condition that caused a heart attack in 1969. Since then John's tall, erect figure has been a familiar sight on Oak Bay streets, putting in miles of footwork therapy.

"You have to learn to walk all over again after a heart attack," he said.

With that background he finds it easy to do the walking required for post-operative recovery.

The chief, a champion lawn bowler, was discharged from hospital Dec. 17 and expects to be back in uniform about February.

Thousands of employees were working for new masters starting on Monday with the change in government — but some still haven't got the word.

At B.C. Hydro, employees were instructed: "If our new boss calls, get his name."

He hasn't been appointed yet, although new Transport Minister Jack Davis will be a director of the board.

Americans may be drinking more and enjoying it less without realizing it. Beverage companies below the border have been quietly reducing the alcoholic content in more than 100 brands of gin, whisky and bourbon . . . and just before Christmas!

They call it a drive towards moderation but privately they admit it is a hidden price increase. They point out that the alcohol decrease is not really hidden because the labels clearly say 80 proof, where before they said 86. This assumes drinkers take time to read before they pour.

In British Columbia, spirits continue to be sold at the equivalent of 86 proof and no change is expected.

This is general all across Canada, except in Manitoba where one distillery has followed the American lead and lowered its alcohol content.



B.C.'s "Little Chief" — Atlin MLA Frank Calder — arrived in Tokyo airport this week, sporting the ceremonial dress of his native Nishga tribe.

His Japanese wife, the former Tamaki Koshibe, also wore the ceremonial costume given her this fall when Calder's tribe bestowed on her the hereditary Indian name of Mikhium Bells or "Shining Star."

Calder and his wife hoped to be met by a representative of the Canadian Embassy and members of the Tokyo press corp.

Also there were Mrs. Calder's parents, who were meeting their son-in-law for the first time.

The couple were married last February and Tamaki was introduced to the legislature in her traditional Japanese wedding dress.

When you turn sweet 16 it seems only right that you should get your birthday wish.

The problem was that what Mary Philip, of 4009 Cedarwood, wanted most of all was a snowball fight — and it was raining.

So the birthday party drove out to Sooke and down a logging road until they found a mound of snow, sheltered beneath the trees.

It was a splendid party, we're told.

Nurses in the operating room. Serious people, right?

Last week the O.R. nurses from Royal Jubilee Hospital were on a high-kicking chorus line in an old-style English Music hall show which for three nights played to a full house in the hospital's theatre.

Master of ceremonies was Dan Daly, complete with whiskers and red nose. By day he's security officer at Jubilee.

As producer, he welded a group of about 30 green but keen volunteers from the hospital staff into a two-hour show with 16 acts — singers, dancers, musicians, acrobats and comic. Young baton twirlers from the Victoria Modernettes were an added feature.

At \$2 a ticket, the result was \$500 to be spent on patients who have no family or friends around at Christmas. Next year Daly hopes the show can borrow a downtown theatre and make a lot more for lonely patients.



SUPER CAR WASH was given this 1975 Chevelle which was recovered Monday at site of helicopter pad under construction at foot of Huron in James Bay. The car had been reported stolen from Host Rent-A-Car, 677 Hum-

boldt, over the weekend. Workmen spotted the car in about 15 feet of water 30 feet from the end of the rockfill. It's not known if there were any occupants when the car hit the water. (Derek Sidenius photo)

Park Status Sought For Watershed Land

Thetis Park Nature Sanctuary Association will ask the provincial government to give legal park status to at least 245 acres of watershed property adjoining the city-owned 1,400-acre park.

The land, along with an additional 255 acres, was purchased from a real estate firm by the NDP government with intentions of designating it as parkland, but it never got around before its defeat to

giving the property legal park status.

Harold Matthews and Eric Garman, two past presidents of TPNSA, recalled that the association for years campaigned to have the water shed bought to save the lake from pollution by a proposed housing development.

"This was done and now the land needs legal protection," Matthews said.

He said this was important in view of the city's action in making Thetis Lake a "park reserve."

"We would have preferred dedication of the land as a park instead of park reserve," said Garman. "But the move is a good one."

Jakob de Villiers, city solicitor, said the park is safe as a park reserve.

Jail Guards Back on Job

Three guards suspended following the escape of 10 inmates from Victoria International Airport last Tuesday were reinstated in their jobs Monday after an inquiry conducted by Bill Jack, assistant director of corrections for the province.

But Hal McGillivray, director of corrections centres on Vancouver Island, said today

the reinstatement was contingent on Jack's final report on the incident, expected to take at least a week to complete.

The three guards have not been identified. The announcement of their suspension came the day after the jailbreak and was met by a statement from other guards they would not work any overtime until the three were reinstated.

McGillivray said the inquiry, originally scheduled to be held today but put on a day earlier at the request of the union, explored the possibility of negligence on the part of the staff. He added that was the only issue at stake. No inmates testified and staff members who gave evidence had union representatives beside them.

Nine of the 10 inmates have been recaptured. Only Peter George MacLean, 24, remains at large. He's not considered dangerous.

Five of the accused escapees appeared in provincial court this morning.

William Harold Mack pleaded not guilty to escaping and being unlawfully at large and a trial date was set for Jan. 27.

Gerald Paul Ritchie, similarly charged has also pleaded not guilty and elected trial by judge and jury. His preliminary hearing was set for March 22.

Both Kenneth Graham Moorhouse and Larry Alan Preston were remanded a week for counsel and the sixth inmate charged with escape, Lawrence Shisler, was expected to appear later today.

Exercise Polar Ranger

Ninety members of the Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's) Regiment from Victoria, Nanaimo, Alberni, and Courtenay will take part in a winter exercise during the holiday season.

They will board two armed forces Hercules aircraft at 8 a.m. Saturday at Victoria International Airport to fly to Wainwright, Alta. and take part in Exercise Polar Ranger. They return New Year's Eve.

The exercise will hone the soldiers' skills at day and night patrolling, attack and defence operations in the field.

While they are dealing with the frigid Alberta conditions, the regiment's 15-man pipe band will take part in Pasadena's New Year's Day Tournament of the Roses Parade, as part of a Canadian contingent honoring the United States' bicentennial.

Locally, other militia units will spend the four days brushing up on their skills.

Christmas in City For South Koreans

Thirty-six South Korean fishermen will spend an unscheduled year-end holiday in Victoria.

They were long-line fishing in the 163-foot Dong Won 709 about 30 miles off the shore of Vancouver Island and had about 200 tons of black cod in the ship's hold when they ran into trouble.

The heavy seas broke the ship's rudder and stock. Seaplan International Ltd.

despatched the 90-foot tug Seaplan Warrior to the rescue. She went to the fishing vessel under tow and brought the Dong Won 709 into Esquimalt after 18 hours under tow.

The fishing vessel is now on the ways at Yarrow's shipyard.

A Yarrow's spokesman said the yard is making a new rudder, rudder stock and pintle for the steel vessel. Repair work is due to be completed in mid-January.

11.3% Increase In Pay Awarded Island Teachers

Teachers in the five school districts on southern Vancouver Island have been awarded an 11.3 per cent salary increase for 1976.

The arbitration award will cost the Greater Victoria school district an estimated \$2.7 million more than last year's budget for teachers' salaries of \$25.08 million. A total of 1,462 teachers are involved.

The award is expected to add just under five mills to the school levy, but the exact impact on taxpayers in the area cannot be computed until all government grants are announced sometime in the spring.

Teachers' salary negotiations were turned over to an arbitration board earlier this month after regular negotiations broke down.

The five southern Island districts — Greater Victoria, Saanich, Sooke, Gulf Islands and Cowichan — bargained jointly this year for the first time.

The arbitration board was headed by Vancouver lawyer Kenneth Brawner, with J. A. Prazgase as the teachers' appointee on the board and Noel Paget for the trustees.

Under the arbitration award, principals and vice-principals will get less of an increase than they have for past years.

Salaries for the principals and vice-principals are usually set at whatever salary they would get as a teacher, plus an administrative allowance which increases each year by whatever increase is awarded to teachers.

But the arbitration board ruled this year that the administrative allowances would only be increased 5.65 per cent, or half of the teachers' increase.

The arbitration award is believed to be almost the same as the increase in the Consumer Price Index from November of last year to November, 1975.

Fast Arrest After Inn Robbery

A 19-year-old youth was to appear in Victoria provincial court today charged with the early morning robbery of the Imperial Inn, 1961 Douglas.

A Victoria police spokesman said officers arrested Russell Wayne McArthur two blocks from the hotel minutes after the robbery had been reported.

Police said a young man entered the lobby of the hotel at about 1:15 a.m. and approached the desk clerk demanding money and warning had a gun in his pocket.

The clerk handed over about \$300 from the till and the robber fled running through the kitchen and out the back door.

A police patrol car happened to be nearby at the time and spotted the suspect running down a back street. He submitted to police without a struggle.

YULE PICKETS FACING HOTEL

The locked out union at the Island Hall Hotel in Parksville will set up "extensive" picket lines around the hotel on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, a union spokesman said today.

The 104 employees, members of Local 835 of the Beverage Dispensers and Culinary Workers Union, have been locked out since Dec. 11, but the hotel has been partially open, operating with management staff.

Tony Gerussi, Island representative for the union, said the hotel wants a contract different from other union hotels in the Parksville-Nanaimo area.

An hotel management spokesman said earlier that the Island Hall is a resort hotel with different patterns of business than a regular hotel and has always had a

separate contracts which recognized that status.

Gerussi said the Island Hall may have been a resort 10 or 15 years ago, but the union now considers it a regular commercial hotel.

Average rate at the hotel is \$2.75 an hour. The union is asking for an increase to \$3.43 an hour and the hotel has offered \$2.97 an hour.

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37½ Years in Prison Terms Thanks to Heroin Addiction

By ROGER STONEBANKS

Heroin addiction led Daniel Bradley Cain into a life of crime which has seen him punished with sentences totalling 37½ years in less than five years.

"He attributes a great part of his criminal problem to heroin," defence counsel Mike Hutchison told Judge Montague Drake in county court Monday.

"He was introduced to heroin by his older brother."

Cain is only 20 years old. He has been a heroin addict since he was 15.

His heroin addiction cost him \$250 to \$400 a day. Even in some jails, he was able to get heroin.

Hutchison read some of Cain's own words to the court.

"I know my heroin problem is something to do with my family background . . . I don't want to get into it again. But what would I do if it was in front of me? I don't know."

And, at another point, Cain said: "I'm glad it's all over. I've lied and stole and gotten involved in drugs and haven't known why. It finally came to me . . . I didn't know how to handle problems . . . I couldn't get along with family and friends . . . I got deeper and deeper into trouble and drugs."

"I am sorry for the grief I have



CAIN

caused . . . I wished none of it had happened."

Cain said he had set his future goals. He wanted a good education and take a commercial art course when he finishes his penitentiary term.

For numerous counts of breaking and entering and theft, he got a one-year sentence in 1971, 18 months in 1972 and two concurrent sentences of two years less a day in 1974.

He escaped from William Head prison March 22 and between then and July 17 committed 13 crimes. He pleaded guilty Nov. 17 and was sentenced Monday.

The 13 counts of the single indictment included four armed robberies, three escapes from custody and one each of being unlawfully at large, car theft, criminal negligence in the operation of a car, being unlawfully in a dwelling house, unlawful confinement of a woman and possession of a restricted weapon.

The heaviest sentences were for unlawfully confining Diana Smith in her apartment at 1116 Leonard April 8 — five years — and the armed robberies, for which he got four-year concurrent terms.

Court officials and counsel were unsure today of the net effect of Monday's sentences but it appeared to be between seven and nine years.

